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GERMANY AND HER ALLIES ARE READY TO DISCUSS PEACE

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PROPOSAL IS MADE TO THE ENTENTE FOR IMMEDIATELY OPENING UP NEGOTIATIONS

Notes Have Been Transmitted to the American, Spanish and Swiss Governments and to the Vatican—Teutons Declare They Are Ready to Continue the War If the Entente Declines to Discuss Terms For Ending It.

NO SPECIFIC CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH PEACE TERMS WOULD BE ACCEPTED ARE MADE IN THE PROPOSITION

Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg, However, Declares That the Terms the Central Powers Will Bring Forward Will Be Appropriate For the Establishment of Lasting Peace—Reads Note and Delivers Speech in the Reichstag.

The Teutonic allies declare themselves ready to discuss peace. Also they are ready to continue the war if the Entente Allies do not find the time propitious for such a discussion.

The readiness of the Central Powers has been made known in identical notes to the United States, Spain and Switzerland, who are asked to make known the contents of the notes to the nations at war with the Teutonic allies. Notes also have been transmitted to the vatican and the active interest of the Pope solicited in the peace offer.

While no conditions for peace were mentioned in the notes, it was asserted that the propositions to be made by Germany, Austria-Hungary, Turkey and Bulgaria would have for their object a guarantee of the existence of the honor and the liberty of evolution for these nations, and would prove "an appropriate basis for the establishment of a lasting peace."

Hollweg Says Terms Appropriate For Establishing Lasting Peace

Berlin, Dec. 12, (via Sayville)—Germany and her allies today proposed to enter forthwith into peace negotiations. The propositions which they will bring forward are, according to Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, appropriate for the establishment of a lasting peace.

The Austrian, Turkish and Bulgarian governments are making similar proposals. These proposals have been transmitted also to the vatican.

The following announcement was given out today by the semi-official Overseas News Agency.

"The chancellor this morning received one after another the representatives of the United States of America, Spain and Switzerland, that is, of the states protecting German interests in hostile foreign countries. The chancellor transmitted to them a note and asked them to bring it to the knowledge of the hostile governments. The note later was read in the Reichstag by the chancellor."

After reading the note, the chancellor said:

"Gentlemen, in August, 1914, our enemies challenged the superiority of power in the world war. Today we raise the question of peace, which is a question of humanity. We await the answer of our enemies with that sereneness of mind which is guaranteed to us by our exterror and interior strength and by our clear conscience. If our enemies decline to end the war, if they wish to take upon themselves the world's heavy burden of all these terrors which hereafter will follow, then even in the least and smallest homes every German heart will burn in sacred wrath against our enemies, who are unwilling to stop human slaughter in order that their plans of conquest and annihilation may continue.

"In a fateful hour, we took a fateful decision. It has been saturated with the blood of hundreds of thousands of our sons and brothers who gave their lives for the safety of their home. Human wits and human understanding are unable to reach to the extreme and last questions in this struggle of nations, which has unveiled all the terrors of earthly life, but also the grandeur of human courage and human will in ways never seen before. God will be the judge. We can proceed upon our way."

The chancellor's speech was listened to by thronged galleries. The royal box was crowded. All the ambassadors and ministers of foreign governments were in the diplomatic box.

UNOFFICIAL STATEMENT OF AUSTRIA AS TO PEACE OFFER

London, Dec. 12.—An unofficial Austrian statement, referring to the peace offer, says:

"When in the summer of 1914 the patience of Austria-Hungary was exhausted by a series of systematically continued and ever-increasing provocations and menaces and the monarchy, after almost 50 years of unbroken peace, found itself compelled to draw the sword, this decision was animated neither by aggressive purposes nor by designs of conquest, but solely by the bitter necessity of self defense, to defend its existence and safeguard itself for the future against similar treacherous plots of hostile neighbors.

"That was the task and aim of the monarchy in the present war. In combination with its allies, well tried in loyal comradeship in arms, the Austro-Hungarian army and fleet, fighting, bleeding, but also assailing and conquering, gained such successes that they frustrated the intentions of the enemy. The quadruple alliance not only has won an immense series of victories, but also holds in its power extensive hostile territories. Unbroken is its strength, as our latest treacherous enemy has just experienced.

"Can our enemies hope to conquer or shatter this alliance of powers? They will never succeed in breaking it by blockade and starvation measures. Their war aims, to the attainment of which they have come no nearer in the third year of the war, will in the future be proved to have been completely unattainable. Useless and unavailing, therefore, is the prosecution of the fighting on the part of the enemy.

"The powers of the quadruple alliance on the other hand, have effectively pursued their aims, namely, defense against attacks on their existence and integrity which were planned in concert long since and the achievement of real guarantees and they will never allow themselves to be deprived of the basis of their existence which they have secured by advantages won.

"The continuation of the murderous war, in which the enemy can destroy much but cannot—as the quadruple alliance is firmly confident—alter fate, is ever more seen to be an aimless destruction of human lives and property, an act of inhumanity justified by no necessity and a crime against civilization.

"This conviction and the hope that similar views may also be begun to be entertained in the enemy camp, has caused the idea to ripen in the Vienna cabinet—in full agreement with the governments of the allied (Teutonic) powers—of making a candid and loyal endeavor to come to a discussion with their enemies for the purpose of paving a way for peace."

FULL TEXT OF THE NOTE PRESENTED TO THE VATICAN.

Berlin, Dec. 12, (via Sayville)—The note presented by Dr. von Muhlberg, German minister to the vatican, to Cardinal Gasparri, papal secretary of state, follows:

"According to instructions received, I have the honor to send to your eminence a copy of the declaration which the imperial government, by the good offices of the powers entrusted with the protection of German interests in the countries with which the German Empire is in a state of war, transmits to these states, and in which the im-

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Full Text of Central Powers' Note to Hostile Governments

Berlin, Dec. 12, (via Sayville).—Following is the text of the note addressed by Germany and her allies to the hostile governments:

"The most terrific war ever experienced in history has been raging for the last two years and a half over a large part of the world—a catastrophe which thousands of years of common civilization was unable to prevent, and which injures the most precious achievements of humanity.

"Our aims are not to shatter nor annihilate our adversies. In spite of our consciousness of our military and economic strength and our readiness to continue the war (which has been forced upon us) until the bitter end, if necessary; at the same time prompted by the desire to avoid further bloodshed and make an end to the atrocities of war, the four allied powers propose to enter forthwith into peace negotiations. The propositions which they bring forward for such negotiations and which have for their object a guarantee of the existence, of the honor and liberty of evolution of their nations are, according to their firm belief, an appropriate basis for the establishment of a lasting peace.

"The four allied powers have been obliged to take up arms to defend justice and the liberty of national evolution. The glorious deeds of our armies have in no way altered their purpose. We always maintained the firm belief that our own rights and justified claims in no way control the rights of these nations.

"The spiritual and material progress which were the pride of Europe at the beginning of the Twentieth Century are threatened with ruin. Germany and her allies, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey, gave proof of their unconquerable strength in this struggle. They gained gigantic advantages over adversaries superior in number and war material. Our lines stand unshaken against ever repeated attempts made by armies.

"The last attack in the Balkans has been rapidly and victoriously overcome. The most recent events have demonstrated that further continuance of the war will not result in breaking the resistance of our forces and the whole situation with regard to our troops justifies our expectation of further successes.

"If, in spite of this offer of peace and reconciliation, the struggle should go on, the four allied powers are resolved to continue to a victorious end, but they disclaim responsibility for this before humanity and history. The imperial government, through the good offices of your excellency, ask the government of (here is inserted the name of the neutral power address in each instance), to bring this communication to the knowledge of the governments of (here are inserted the names of the belligerents.)"

PEACE PROPOSAL REGARDED AS PAVING WAY FOR OFFER OF MEDIATION BY NEUTRALS

When United States Transmits the German Note to Entente Governments It May Urge That the Proposal Be Given Consideration. President Deeply Interested But Reserves Comment—Substance of Terms Germany May Ask.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Germany's proposal for peace is regarded here as having broken the chains which for months have restrained the United States as well as other neutrals from making offers of mediation.

Now that one set of belligerents has signified its willingness to discuss peace terms—a condition often reiterated as necessary to any action by President Wilson—there are indications that when the United States, acting as the intermediary, transmits the German proposal, it may accompany its action by some steps necessarily delicate to throw the influence of the United States into the balance for at least a consideration, however preliminary, of the terms on which a lasting peace might be brought to the world. Some ranking officials of the American government believe a league of nations, such as President Wilson has suggested, must be the outcome and it could not be perfected without the participation of the United States.

Whether the United States will transmit the German proposal without any comment whatever or accompany it with some formal or informal expression, will not be finally decided until the note delivered to American Charge Grew, in Berlin, reached President Wilson's hands, probably tomorrow.

May Urge Consideration.

There were indications tonight that President Wilson might find some way to express the solemn and earnest wish of the United States for a careful consideration of the suggestion of peace, even before the Entente governments have made known their attitude toward the German proposal. This, it was pointed out, necessarily would be done in such a delicate and ultra-confidential way that it never would be publicly known should the Allies decline the offer. This course was said to be absolutely necessary so as to leave the United States free and unembarrassed to act when an acceptable peace offer comes.

Regardless of whether President Wilson decides to accompany the German proposal with any word, it was said tonight he unquestionably would take steps to learn the attitude of the Entente Allies toward the peace move, and possibly might again send to Europe his personal friend and adviser, Col. E. M. House.

President Reserves Comment.

None of the official dispatches had arrived tonight. The government's first information was conveyed in the Associated Press dispatches from Berlin. President Wilson was said to be deeply interested but reserving comment.

Secretary Lansing maintained a similar attitude. The cabinet discussed the development at its regular Tuesday meeting, but the situation was described by members as so obviously delicate that no announcement could be made.

The absence of any specific terms for peace in the note or in the German chancellor's speech, was in a measure a disappointment to those who expected some concrete expression of a basis on which negotiations might begin. The German embassy, however, is in possession of advices which outline in a general way what Germany expects, and the diplomats of the Entente powers, through their means of being supplied with information, believe they have a general idea of what terms the Central Powers are willing to advance as the basis for discussion. Recent dispatches to the German embassy indicate a belief that the general terms might be in substance as follows:

Probable Terms of Germany.

A restoration of the status quo existing before the war. This includes the evacuation of Belgium and the restoration of the occupied portions of northern France, with the exception of Alsace and Lorraine. No authorized expression was obtainable from the embassy as to whether conditions would be attached to the restoration of Belgium and French territory, but it was understood that the German idea was to make provision for the future neutrality of Belgium and probably propose defortification, particularly of the city of Antwerp. It was also understood that no conditions amounting to economic control of the mineral lands of northern France would be likely to be asked. All Germany's lost colonies, she expects to be returned. Her possessions in the Pacific, however, are not a subject of great concern and the Berlin government is understood to be ready to relinquish the claim on Kiau Chau.

The security of Turkey in possession of Constantinople probably would be insisted upon by the Central Powers as well as the restoration of Albania.

The establishment of independent kingdoms of Lithuania and Poland would be one of the factors in the German proposal, although that part of Poland possessed by Germany at the outbreak of the war would not be included.

What adjustment would be made to cover the Trentino region between Austria and Italy, or any provisions affecting Egypt, the Suez canal, the Mesopotamia or the gateways of control to the Indian empire are not made clear in German quarters here. The Balkan situation is considered so delicate it would have to be untangled in the peace conference.

Bernstorff Talks.

The whole German view of the peace move is that it is a step toward a discussion of peace, which if it amounts to anything, ought to show some definite progress early in January. There is said to be no possibility of a peace conference beginning in the United States. Berne and The Hague are mentioned as most likely places and it is not doubted that Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambasador here, would go as one of his country's representatives. His attitude was expressed tonight in the following statement.

"I am, of course, extremely gratified at the step that has been taken. I hope that it will be successful. Even if it does not lead to peace, it offers proof that Germany wants peace, even after a victorious campaign, and does not desire the responsibility for further suffering of mankind, loss of life and property. Germany wants peace and

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SECURITY OF THE TEUTONS IS MORE SURE THAN EVER

Hollweg Says the Peace Proposal Is Made Because of Responsibility to Humanity.

SPEAKS IN THE REICHSTAG

Says That With God's Help Central Powers' Troops Have Made Defeat Impossible.

Berlin, via Sayville, Dec. 12.—Chancellor Von Bethman-Hollweg's speech to the reichstag is reported by the Overseas News Agency as follows:

"Chancellor Von Bethman-Hollweg today announced to the Reichstag that Germany, together with her allies, 'conscience of their responsibility before God, before their own nations, before humanity,' had proposed this morning to the hostile powers to enter into peace negotiations.

"The chancellor first outlined the extraordinary political situation and then insisting upon the achievements of the Central Powers made an announcement which possibly may be the turning point in the war. The chancellor said:

"'The reichstag has not been adjourned for a long period but fortunately it was left to the discretion of the president as to the day of the next meeting. This decision was caused by the hope that soon happy events in the field would be recorded, a hope fulfilled quicker, almost, than expected. I shall be brief, for actions speak for themselves.'

Purpose of Allied Offensive.

"The chancellor said Rumania had entered the war in order to roll up the German positions in the east and those of Germany's allies. At the same time the grand offensive on the Somme had as it object to pierce the German western front and the renewed Italian attacks were intended to paralyze Austria-Hungary.

"'The situation was serious,' the chancellor continued. 'But with God's help our troops shaped conditions so as to give us security which not only is complete but still more so than ever before. The western front stands. Not only does it stand but in spite of the Rumanian campaign it is fitted out with larger reserves of men and material than it had been formerly. The most effective precautions have been taken against all Italian diversions. And while on the Somme and on the Carso the drum fire resounded while the Russians launched troops against the eastern frontier of Transylvania, Field Marshal Von Hindenburg captured the whole of western Wallachia and the hostile capital of Bucharest, leading with unparalleled genius the troops that in competition with all the allies made possible what hitherto was considered impossible.

"And Hindenburg does not rest. Military operations progress. By strokes of the sword at the same time firm foundations for our economic needs have been laid. Great stocks of grain, victuals, oil and other goods fell into our hands in Rumania. Their transport has begun. In spite of scarcity, we could have lived on our own sup-

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TWO MORE RUMANIAN TOWNS ARE CAPTURED BY CENTRAL POWERS

GROUND IS BROKEN FOR FORT STOREY

Site for Great Land Defense on Virginia Coast Dedicated by Congressional Congress.

PRAYERS FOR PEACE MOVE

Secretary Wilson Speaks—Proposal for Distribution of Negro Population is Tabled—Cotton is Discussed.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 12.—The breaking of ground for Fort Storey at Cape Henry, prayers for the success of peace offers made by Germany and her allies, the tabling of a resolution favoring the distribution of the South's negro population among the other states and an address by Secretary of Labor W. B. Wilson, were features of today's activities of the Southern Commercial Congress here.

Simple ceremonies marked the dedication of the site for the great land defense the government proposes to erect for the protection of Hampton Roads, Baltimore and Washington. Governor Stuart, of Virginia, turned the spade of earth.

Earlier in the day the National Association of Commissioners of Agriculture had met and discussed cotton crop diversification, conservation of the South's resources and a better system of marketing. Some speculators hailed the Federal Farm Loan act as a means of increasing the South's agricultural yield by enabling tenant farmers to become land owners.

A movement to have the congress go on record as favoring the location of the proposed government nitrate plant at Mussel Shoals, Alabama, was launched at the first meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the congress this afternoon. Mrs. G. H. Mathes, of Alabama, urged the adoption of a resolution of a resolution which the Alabama delegation was to offer.

The resolutions committee announced that the negro distribution resolution, offered by Judge Francis D. Winston, of Windsor, N. C., had been laid on the table. The committee tonight had not completed consideration of other matters before it, but it was expected to report tomorrow.

Cotton's relation to international reconstruction was the subject of an address today by Col. Harvie Jordan, president of the Southern Cotton Growers' Association. Speakers tonight besides Secretary Wilson included President L. E. Johnson, of the Norfolk & Western railroad; F. V. Stephens, of New York, and H. H. Rumble, of Norfolk.

Secretary Wilson told the congress he did not believe immigration from Europe after the war would be as great as it had been before because history showed that it was a people's tendency to stay where they had suffered. He said he was in favor of a more equit-

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Berlin Announces That 10,000 Additional Rumanians Have Been Taken Prisoner.

RUSSIANS LOSE 30,000 MEN

Violent Attacks in Carpathians and Along the Moldavian Frontier Without Gains.

SERBS MEET WITH SUCCESS.

General Mobilization in Greece Has Been Ordered.

Rumania and the Cerna river region in Serbia continue the sectors where most of the fighting is taking place. In Wallachia snow has checked only slightly the advance of the Central Powers against the Rumanians and Russians. The town of Mizil, on the railway between Ploechti and Buzeu, has been captured as also has the village of Urziceni, twenty miles to the southeast. Berlin announces that more than 10,000 additional Rumanians have been captured.

Russians Lose Heavily.

In the Carpathians and along the Moldavian frontier the Russians are continuing their violent attacks, but, according to Berlin, without success. It is asserted by Berlin that the Russians in the Carpathians have lost 30,000 men.

Along the Cerna river the Entente Allies have again attacked viciously but again have been repulsed with heavy casualties, according to Teutonic allies advices. Five Bulgarian posts south of the Lymnitza river have been captured by Entente troops. Snow has put an end to infantry activity north of Monastir.

On the front in France and Belgium there is a continuation of artillery activity and small operations by patrol parties.

Mobilization in Greece

An official dispatch from Switzerland says the King of Greece has ordered a general mobilization. An official communication from Paris announces that the French Admiral Du Fournet, commander of the Entente naval forces in the Mediterranean, has been replaced by Admiral Gauchet.

Berlin reports the destruction by a submarine in the eastern Mediterranean of two big transport steamers loaded with war material. The British press bureau, however, denies that the vessels were transports.

TEUTONIC DRIVE IS ONLY SLIGHTLY CHECKED BY SNOW

Berlin, Dec. 11 (via London, Dec. 12.)—The Austro-German pursuit of the Rumanians has been only slightly checked by the snow, rain and generally bad weather of the past 24 hours.

The Teutonic armies are already far to the eastward of Bucharest, but their exact positions are being carefully concealed so that the scattered bands of Rumanians in the mountains north and northwest may not learn of their locations and thereby avoid apparantly inevitable capture.

The advance has been so great that the Russo-Rumanian line runs almost due north and south and even local successes by the Russians to the northward would be able only to accomplish a slightly bending in or the line, while the Russian left flank of the Seret line appears to be endangered.

In German quarters not the slightest anxiety is expressed at the activity of General Sarrail, in Macedonia, which is accounted purely political, as otherwise his efforts would not be made in the Monastir region but to the eastward, where the distance to Rumania is not quite so great.

The total losses of the Rumanians in all sections since the beginning of the war to date are estimated at 150,000 prisoners, 250,000 men killed or wounded and 600 cannon, or the equipment of four to five army corps. The strength of the remaining Rumanian artillery, in consequence is reckoned as nearly nil, and the strength of the army at even less than that of the Serbian forces which reached Greece after the retreat last year.

The Austro-German forces in their advance were able to overtake and set free 800 civilians who had been interned in Bucharest and were being transported eastward. Likewise they are daily finding more concealed stores of grain and other supplies, the total of which is now described as enormous.

It is reported that the destruction of Rumanian petroleum supplies was considerably less serious than at first believed, as the Rumanian flight was too precipitate for them to do more than partly set the supplies on fire. They are said to have lacked sufficient explosives, while the work of the Austro-German troops in extinguishing such fires as had been sent proved unexpectedly effective.

WILL TRY TO FORCE THE AMERICANS OUT?

Copy of Manifesto By Gonzales Brought to the Border.

Governor of Chihuahua Says he Will Join Carranza in Bringing About the Retirement of Pershing's Forces.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 12.—General Arnulfo Gonzales, provisional governor of Chihuahua, declared in his first proclamation to the people after the reoccupation of Chihuahua City by Carranza troops that he would soon be ready to join the first chief in forcing the retirement of the American punitive expedition.

An original copy of the printed manifesto, which is dated December 6, was brought here today from Chihuahua by a refugee.

General Gonzales began his proclamation by saying that the people have the right to know the line of action their governors intend to pursue while in office.

"The state of Chihuahua," he continued, "must lament the disgrace of seeing its sacred soil desecrated by the proud Saxon troops, a misfortune that the bandit Villa caused with his deeds at Columbus. As these deeds not only injure the sovereignty of the state, but also of the country, it is to the central government that belongs the solution

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PAPER MANUFACTURERS TO MEET PUBLISHERS

Propose to Arrange For Equitable Distribution of Paper.

Three Tar Heel Publishers Appear Before Federal Trade Commission. Hearing Came to a Close Yesterday.

Washington, Dec. 12.—At the conclusion of the Federal Trade Commission's hearing on print paper prices today the manufacturers proposed to meet a committee of the National Editorial Association and the American Newspaper Publishers' Association to work out, for the commission's approval, a plan for an equitable distribution of the stocks of print paper.

Chairman Hurley, of the commission, asked the publishers, manufacturers and jobbers to hold separate meetings Friday to frame their plans and appoint committees to meet with the commission Saturday.

The manufacturers' proposal came as an unexpected development when the Trade Commission, after finishing with publishers as witnesses, called on the manufacturers to present their case. Newspaper owners had told of wide differences in paper prices in various parts of the country and of the inability of many small publishers to obtain paper at any prices.

Counsel for the Newsprint Manufacturers' Association declared it had

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PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS GIVE EVIDENCE OF OPPOSITION TO PROPOSAL IN ENGLAND

No Profound Impression Created Among Average Londoners, While Officials Reserve Comment—Those in Close Touch With Government Believe Terms Entirely Unacceptable—A Reply Will Not Be Made For Several Days.

London, Dec. 13.—A strong current of public sentiment opposed to the German peace proposals was evident in the first expressions available last night both from public men and the British press, although these were without knowledge of any definite terms and without any word from high authoritative sources indicating the attitude of the government.

The only information in the press reports was from Berlin and, in the absence of some tangible official proposition British officials were disposed to maintain reserve. It was noticeable that the proposal had not created any profound impression among the average Londoner. Ther was little talk in the hotels or other public places and this discussion was far less animated than in the recent ministerial crisis.

Government circles also held aloof from any discussion with an evident desire to learn more of the details before committing the new administration to a definite course of action. The foreign office would make no comment in the absence of the terms, but indicated that the British attitude up to the present was embodied in the declarations made from time to time by the former premier and Viscount Grey and that any new proposals would have to be considered by all the Entente Allies before a definite attitude was possible.

Those in close association with the new government took the view that the proposals would prove entirely unacceptable, mainly because they were not likely to touch what the ruling authorities regard as the most essential basis of any peace terms, namely, such guarantees against German militarism as will permit England, France and their allies to demobilize their vast armies, reduce their enormous military expenses and return to lasting conditions of peace.

Both Premier Lloyd-George and Mr. Balfour, secretary for foreign affairs, are slightly ill, and this may result in deferring the announcement of the plans of the new government next Thursday.

Some early expressions, indicating the general drift of sentiment, were as follows:

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle: "We want to know more about the terms, for, without them the imperial chancellor's suggestion of peace is preposterous and ridiculous. We, too, are conscious of victory and his boasting will be laughed at."

The Marquis of Londonderry: "We have got to win the war. Peace at the present time would be disastrous to the nation and the empire. It is only a question of time and we will win out absolutely."

Sir Gilbert Parker, after mingling with his associates in the house of commons, said:

"This is clearly a political maneuver designed to impress the world as a dramatic stroke, but having little serious purpose toward securing an enduring peace. One of the chief essentials of any peace would be such a curbing of German militarism that a resumption of the present conflict would be impossible."

SAYS SEPARATE PEACE HAD BEEN OFFERED TO BELGIUM

London, Dec. 13.—The Daily Telegraph today prints prominently the following:

"We have received information from an unimpeachable source that the Central Powers recently offered peace to Belgium on the following terms:

"That Belgians are invited to insist upon immediate peace. In return for this their country will be restored to them, its independence guaranteed and financial assistance given for its economic rehabi'tation.'

"In the event of these terms being refused the intimation has been given Belgium that her very existence—her monuments, her public building and even her towns—is threatened."

BERLIN ANNOUNCES SINKING OF TWO HOSTILE TRANSPORTS

Both Carried War Materials and Were Escorted by Destroyers.

Berlin, Dec. 12, (via London).—An official statement issued today by the German admiralty says:

"Our submarines torpedoed on November 28 and December 3 in the eastern Mediterranean two big transport steamers, leaded with war material, of between 5,000 and 6,500 tons. One of the vessels was armed. Both were escorted by destroyers.

London, Dec. 12—Regarding the claim of Berlin to the sinking of two hostile transports in the Mediterranean the official press bureau today says the claim is wholly incorrect as regards the character of the vessels apparently referred to, and in part as to the results.

The sinking of the King Malcolm, described here as an ordinary cargo vessel and not a troop transport on November 28, already has been announced in this country.

NEW FRENCH CABINET

Five Members Will Form Council of National Defense.

Paris, Dec. 12.—The new French cabinet, according to the official list, is as follows:

Premier and minister of foreign affairs, Aristide Briand.

Minister of finance, Alexandre Ribot.

Minister of war, General Hubert Lyautey.

Minister of marine, Rear Admiral Lacaze.

Minister of fabrication, Nationale, including munitions and transportation, Albert Thomas.

The five foregoing cabinet members will form a council of national defense.

Paul Painleve is minister of public instruction.

OPPOSE SIMMONS' BILL.

Strong Fight Against Refund of $65,000,000 Cotton Tax Indicated.

Washington, Dec. 12.—A memorial signed in typewriting with several hundred names protesting against Senator Simmons' bill to refund to Southern states $65,000,000 collected as a tax on raw cotton just after the close of the war, was laid before the Senate today by Vice President Marshall. Suit is pending in the District of Columbia courts to have this money turned over to negroes or their descendants whose labor produced the cotton.

WAKE FOREST TRACK SQUAD HAS PRACTICED CONSISTENTLY

(Special Star Correspondence).

Wake Forest, N. C., Dec. 12.—The Wake Forest track squad has been practicing consistently the entire fall, inspite of the fact that football and basketball has been claiming the attention of the majority of the athletes, and the prospects for a winning team for the approaching season have never been better. With eleven letter men forming the nucleus for the team, and a wealth of material in the freshman class, the showing of the team should eclipse all former performances.

New York, Dec. 12.—A strike involving 40,000 makers of men's and boys' clothing in this city and Newark, N. J., was called tonight by officials of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The Weather Bureau tonight ordered storm warnings displayed on the Atlantic coast from Cape Hatteras to Eastport, Me.

BELL-ANS
Absolutely Removes Indigestion. One package proves it. 25c at all druggists.

TWO BILLS INTRODUCED FOR PROBE OF HIGH FOOD PRICES

Department of Justice Agents Still Gathering Information.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Progress in the government's inquiry into the high cost of living was confined largely today to further collection of information by Department of Justice officials.

Attorney General Gregory announced that he would determine within a few days whether he would recommend to the President that Congress be asked to pass additional legislation.

In Congress, Representatives Sabath and Farr introduced resolutions which would provide for further investigation into the high price of certain foodstuffs.

DIED IN RALEIGH.

Mr. T. W. Mintz Passed Away There on Monday Night.

News of the death of Mr. T. W. Mintz, which occurred Monday night at Raleigh, was received here yesterday by his wife, Mrs. T. W. Mintz, of this city. Besides his wife, a small son survives.

The remains were brought here early this morning by train, and the funeral services will be held from the residence on South Second street this afternoon at 3 o'clock. The deceased was a member of George Washington Council, Junior Order of American Mechanics, and members of this order will have charge of the funeral. Interment will be made at Bellevue.

BEARS ARE NUMEROUS

Scores of Them Being Trapped and Killed East of New Bern.

(Special Star Correspondence).

New Bern, N. C., Dec. 12.—Not before in years have bear been as plentiful in this section as is the case at the present time and scores of them are being trapped and killed by sportsmen.

Probably the largest one of these animals to be captured and killed this season, was caught in a steel trap down near Havelock a day or two ago by Joseph Green, a well known resident of that section.

SALARIES INCREASED

Private Secretaries to Congressmen Will Receive $2,000 a Year.

Washington, Dec. 12.—After a warm debate, the House today voted to increase the salaries of representatives' private secretaries from $1,500 to $2,000 and give each representative an additional employe at $75 a month.

TO GET 20 PER CENT BONUS.

About 1,000 Employes of National City Bank are Affected.

New York, Dec. 12.—The National City Bank announced today it would pay a bonus of 20 per cent. of a year's salary to about 1,000 employes who are not receiving more than $4,000 per annum. This is the first time that the bank has paid a bonus and it was explained by Frank A. Vanderlip, president, that the award had been made as a result of abnormal conditions.

HARVARD ELEVEN NOT TO PLAY CAROLINA NEXT YEAR

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 12.—Harvard's football schedule for 1917 anounced tonight, shows Cornell, which has been the mid-season opponent for the last two years, has been dropped and the Carlisle Indians added. Bowdoin, Boston College and the Springfield Y. M. C. A. go on the list in place of the University of Virginia, University of North Carolina and Massachusetts Agricultural College.

REPLACES D'FOURNET.

Admiral Gaucher to Command Allied Squadron in Greek Waters.

Paris, Dec. 12.—It is announced officially that Vice Admiral Du Fournet, commandant of the Allied squadron in Greek waters, has been replaced by Admiral Gaucher.

DECLARES THE GERMAN WAR FINANCES ARE OPEN BOOK.

Count Roedern Gives an Interview to Associated Press.

Berlin, Dec. 12 (via Wireless to the Associated Press)—Germany's war finances are an open book from which the attentive reader may learn the height of the war expenditures, the maximum limit of the floating debt and other details of war outlays, and the soundness of Germany's financial position, said Count von Roedern, secretary of the imperial treasury, in an interview with the Associated Press correspondent today.

The statement was in reply to assertions made recently by T. McKinnon Wood, British financial secretary, in reference to the financial situation in Germany, and was the first interview granted by Count von Roedern since he assumed his present position.

Owing to the war labor law and the extension of operations in the Balkans, said Count von Roedern, Germany's war expenditures, which formerly averaged 2,187 million marks monthly, had somewhat increased, but that as in the past the necessary funds could be obtained by long term loans.

He scouted the possibility of Germany embarking on a "dumping" policy after the war, pointing to the absence of accumulations of manufactured goods and the expected high cost of ra wmaterials.

Replying to an intimation by Mr. Wood that the German loans are largely paper, the Secretary said:

"How can any ont conceive that war loans can arise and continue to arise, when there are only 7,000,000,000 marks in bank notes against 47,000,000,000 in loans."

TESTIFY AGAINST M'KOY

Five Jacksonville Men on Stand For the Government.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 12.—Graham Dale, of Jacksonville, indicted with Thomas McCoy, of Asheville, N. C., and four other Jacksonville men on charges of defrauding the United States government out of internal revenues, today testified for the government at the trial of McCoy. Dale corroborated testimony given yesterday that the Long Branch distillery here was run at night after the government gunger and storekeeper had left and that no revenue was pai on whiskey thus manufactured.

J. L. Caster, D. S. Cline and Guy Hartman, each identified McCoy with allaged fraudulent operation of the Long Branch distillery. Several other witnesses for the prosecution are to be heard tomorrow.

PAPER MANUFACTURERS TO MEET PUBLISHERS

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been impossible to analyze in so short a time statistical facts presented by the commission's investigators at the outset of the hearing; that the chief complaint was from small publishers unable to get paper because of the increased demand, and that the manufacturers after conferring had decided they were open to any proposal for an equitable distribution of their product.

There was an inclination on the part of some of the publishers present to hold back until told by members of the trade commission that an agreement to accept the commission's services in meeting the distribution problem did not interfere in any way with the investigation into price conditions.

Testimony was given today by H. B. Varner, chairman of the news print paper committee of the North Carolina Press Association.

J. B. Sherrill, of Concord, N. C., secretary of the North Carolina Press Association, and J. L. Horne, of the Rocky Mount Telegram, also testified.

Mr. Varner also filed with the Department of Justice during the day a request that paper manufacturers be prosecuted for alleged combination. His charge was that North Carolina publishers who formed a committee to purchase paper were told by the big paper concerns the mills could not suppy them because the manufacturers had sold all their 1917 output to their old customers.

Most of the newspapers of the country, including some 10,000 small dailies and weeklies, were represented directly or through national and state publishing associations.

SLEPT AT NIGHT FOR FIRST TIME SINCE YEAR 1891

Mother of Wilmington Lady Tells Remarkable Tanlac Story While In This City. Has Gained 10 Pounds and Is Strong and Able to Get Around Again.

Of the scores of persons who recently have praised Tanlac, for the good it has done them, there is no one more enthusiastic than Mrs. E. Caison, of Westbrook Farm. Her story:

"I suffered from lumbago, rheumatism and nervous indigestion for the past seven years. Though I was treated I got only temporary relief. Last June when I came here to visit my daughter, Mrs. Todd, Seventeenth and Ann streets, I had to be helped around in the house. I was very stiff and so sore all over and had sharp, shooting pains in my back. I had no appetite and couldn't eat anything. I have had hot water to form gas on my stomach and make me deathly sick. My heart would beat fast and tremble and I would become frightened. I was as nervous as could be—couldn't sew nor even hold a paper steady enough to read it. I was very weak and never slept hardly at all at nights.

"Since taking Tanlac, and only the first few doses, my appetite improved and now I eat anything I want and enjoy it. I am able to get around now and am so much stronger. Pains have gone and I have gained ten pounds. I am not nervous and can sleep like a log all night long, for the first time in 25 years.

"I recommend Tanlac because it has helped me more than anything I have ever taken. I have told several of my friends what a change Tanlac has brought about in me. It certainly will do all that is claimed for it," Mrs. Caison ended happily. (Statement given Nov. 9, '16.)

After reading the remarkable story of Mrs. Caison, E. H. Drum said: "This statement is but another proof of the value of Tanlac, the Master Medicine. It is beneficial, as has been shown, in cases of catarrh and rheumatism, as a tonic for the stomach, liver and kidney trouble, nervous debility, loss of flesh and lack of energy and the like."

Tanlac is sold in Wilmington only at the Bellamy Drug Store; Burgaw, C. L. Halstead; Southport, Watson's Pharmacy; Rocky Point, A. H. Rhodes; Supply, G. W. Kirby; New Bern, Bradham Drug Co.; Magnolia, W. L. Southall; Faison, Faison Drug Co.; Pembroke, G. W. Locklear; Snow Hill, J. T. H. Harper; Vineland, R. B. McRoy & Co.; Whiteville, J. A. McNeill & Son; Verona, G. W. Humphrey; Fair Bluff, J. P. Waddell; Council, Squires-Hobbs-Grimsley Co.; Ash, L. M. Todd. Each town has its Tanlac dealer.—Adv.

GROUND IS BROKEN FOR FORT STOREY

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able distribution of immigrants in this country and thought that as far as possible they should be placed on farms so as to develop waste lands.

Courts have recently sustained the patents on Mazda lamps owned by the General Electric Company and no further importation will be permitted.

ATTENTION, JR. O. U. A. M.

All members of George Washington Council, Jr. O. U. A. M., are requested to assemble at their hall, corner Third and Princess streets, this (Wednesday) afternoon at 2 o'clock for the purpose of attending in a body the funeral of our late brother, T. W. Mintz. Visiting members are invited to meet with us.

By order of the Councilor,
H. A. MATHEWS, Secretary.

WILMINGTON SOLDIER BOYS TO HAVE CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Packages of Holiday Reminders Dispatched to Mexican Border.

No member of the Wilmington company of engineers, now on the Mexican border, will be without a reminder from home this Christmas that he still has warm friends, who are interested in his welfare. Several big boxes were dispatches yesterday afternoon to Camp Stewart, carrying a total of 141 packages for as many individuals, each package containing tobacco, a pipe, cigarettes, pencils, handkerchiefs, candy and nuts, toilet articles, a book and a magazine and last but not least there were three big fruit cakes and Captain Gillette has been instructed to see that each Wilmington boy gets a sample of the kind of cake that "mother makes."

The gifts were collected by the local chapter of the American Red Cross through Mrs. L. Bluthenthal, chairman of the committee for this purpose. The boxes were packed at the Y. M. C. A. by the women and sent out yesterday afternoon by express.

The members of the local chapter wish to express grateful thanks to those who contributed so cheerfully and also to the Southern Express Company for shipment at reduced rates.

ANNUAL TREASURE HUNT FOR Y. M. C. A. MEMBERSHIP TICKET.

All Boys of City Are Invited to Participate in Event Saturday.

All the boys of Wilmington between the ages of 12 and 18 are invited to take part in the annual "Treasure Hunt" of the boys' division of the Y. M. C. A. on Saturday. Two membership tickets will be hidden in different parts of the city. The boys will meet at the association building at 1 o'clock and will be given general directions as to how to find the tickets. They will then set forth upon their chase and the lucky ones finding the tickets will be given a free membership for a year in the association.

In order to be eligible to take part in the contest, boys must fill out a ticket giving their name and address with age and school attended or the place where employed. These tickets have been distributed in the city schools or may be obtained from Mr. C. Walton Johnson, boys' work secretary at the Y. M. C. A.

TO SPEAK AT COURT HOUSE SUNDAY ON EUROPEAN WAR

Mr. R. O. Alexander Will Lecture on Outcome of Great Struggle.

Mr. R. O. Alexander, of Charlotte, will deliver his lecture on "What the Bible Says About This European War" in the Superior Court room at the county court house next Sunday afternoon, December 17, at 2:30 o'clock. Posters announcing the address were distributed about the city yesterday morning.

The posters under the head of the main subject of the address contain the following lines: "The Word of God 2,500 years ago tells all about the outturn of this war. It states that England will go down, and that America will be invaded by a confederation of European kings. Blood will flow in America as it now flows in Europe."

WILL TRY TO FORCE THE AMERICANS OUT?

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of this conflict which threatens the nation itself.

"The patriotic attitude of the first chief in the face of this lamentable incident is well known to all Mexicans. His forces have not a single moment ceased to work toward a solution of the same by diplomatic ways, preserving national pride and autonomy. To support this attitude in our own sphere of action will be always a satisfaction to the government of this state, which may soon be ready to unite its forces to those of the general government to bring about that the forces of Pershing's punitive expedition, so well known but so unjustified, may withdraw as soon as possible from the state."

The rest of the manifesto Governor-General Gonzales devotes to promises of education, financial and internal reforms and of cleaning out the rebels.

Nuxated Iron to make New Age of Beautiful Women and Vigorous Iron Men

Say Physicians—Quickly Puts Roses Into the Cheeks of Women and Most Astonishing Youthful Power Into the Veins of Men—It Often Increases the Strength and Endurance of Delicate, Nervous, "Run-down" Folks 200 Per Cent in Two Weeks' Time.

A Wonderful Discovery Which Promises to Mark a New Era in Medical Science

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Since the remarkable discovery of organic iron, Nuxated Iron or "Per Nuxate," as the French call it, ha staken the country by storm. It is conservatively estimated that over five million persons daily are taking it in this country alone. Most astonishing results are reported from its use by both physicians and laymen—so much so that doctors predict that we shall soon have a new age of far more beautiful, rosy-cheeked women and vigorous men.

Dr. King, a New York physician and author, when interviewed on the subject said: "There can be no vigorous iron men without iron. Pallor means anemia. Anemia means iron deficiency. The skin of anemic men and women is pale. The flesh flabby. The muscles lack tone; the brain fags and the memorw fails and often they become weak, nervous, irritable, despondent and melancholy. When the iron goes from the blood of women, the roses go from their cheeks.

"In the most common foods of America, the starches, sugars, table syrups, candies, polished rice, white bread, soda crackers, biscuits, macaroni, spaghetti, tapioca, sago, farina, degerminated corn meal, no longer is iron to be found. Refining processes have removed the iron of Mother Earth from these impoverished foods, and silly methods of home cookery, by throwing down the waste pipe the water in which our vegetables are cooked, are responsible for another grave iron loss.

"Therefore, if you wish to preserve your youthful vim and vigor to a ripe old age, you must supply the iron deficiency in your food by using some form of organic iron, just as you would use salt when your food has not enough salt."

Dr. Sauer, who has studied abroad in great European medical institutions, said: "As I have said a hundred times over, organic iron is the greatest of all strength builders. If people would only throw away patent medicines and nauseous concoctions and take simple nuxated iron, I am convinced that the lives of thousands of persons might be saved who now die every year from pneumonia, grippe, consumption, kidney, liver, heart trouble, etc. The real and true cause which started their disease was nothing more nor less than a weakened condition brought on by a lack of iron in the blood.

"Not long ago a man came to me who was nearly half a century old and asked me to give him a preliminary examination for life insurance. I was astonished to find him with a blood pressure of a boy of twenty and as full of vigor, vim and vitality as a young man; in fact, a young man he really was, notwithstanding his age. The secret, he said, was taking iron—Nuxated iron had filled him with renewed life. At thirty he was in bad health; at forty-six he was care-worn and nearly all in. Now at fifty a miracle of vitality and his face beaming with the buoyancy of youth. Iron is absolutely necessary to enable your blood to change food into living tissue. Without it, no matter how much or what you eat, your food merely passes through you without doing you any good. You don't get the strength out of it, and as a consequence you become weak, pale and sickly looking, just like a plant trying to grow in a soil deficient in iron. If you are not strong or well, you owe it to yourself to make the following test: See how long you can work or how far you can walk without becoming tired. Next take two five-grain tablets of ordinary nuxated iron three times per day after meals for two weeks. Then test your strength again and see how much you have gained. I have seen dozens of nervous, run-down people who were ailing all the while double their strength and endurance and entirely rid themselves of all symptoms of dyspepsia, liver and other troubles in from ten to fourteen days' time simply by taking iron in the proper form. And this, after they had in some cases been doctoring for months without obtaining any benefit. But don't take the old forms of reduced iron, iron acetate, or tincture of iron simply to save a few cents. The iron demanded by Mother Nature for the red coloring matter in the blood of her children is alas! not that kind of iron. You must take iron in a form that can be easily absorbed and assimilated to do you any good, otherwise it may prove worse than useless. Many an athlete and prizefighter has won the day simply because he knew the secret of great strength and endurance and filled his blood with iron before he went into the affray; while many another has gone down in inglorious defeat simply for the lack of iron."

Dr. Schuyler C. Jaques another New York physician, said: "I have never before given out any medical information or advice for publication, as I ordinarily do not believe in it. But in the case of Nuxated Iron I feel I would be remiss in my duty not to mention it. I have taken it myself and given it to my patients with most surprising and satisfactory results. And those who wish quickly to increase their strength power and endurance will find it a most remarkable and wonderfully effective remedy."

NOTE—Nuxated Iron, which is prescribed and recommended above by physicians in such a great variety of cases, is not a patent medicine nor secret remedy, but one which is well known to druggists and whose iron constituents are widely prescribed by eminent physicians both in Europe and America. Unlike the older inorganic iron products, it is easily assimilated, does not injure the teeth, make them black, nor upset the stomach; on the contrary, it is a most potent remedy in nearly all forms of indigestion as well as for nervous, run-down conditions. The manufacturers have such great confidence in nuxated iron, that they offer to forfeit to any charitable institution if they cannot take any man or woman under 60 who lacks iron, and increase their strength 200 per cent or over in four weeks' time, provided they have no serious organic troubles. They also offer to refund your money if it does not at least double your strength and endurance in ten days' time. It is dispensed in this city by J. Frank Jarman and all good druggists.

CALOMEL IS MERCURY! IT SICKENS! ACTS ON LIVER LIKE DYNAMITE

"Dodson's Liver Tone" Starts Your Liver Better Than Calomel and Doesn't Salivate or Make You Sick.

Listen to me! Take no more sickening, salivating calomel when bilious or constipated. Don't lose a day's work!

Calomel is mercury or quicksilver which causes necrosis of the bones. Calomel, when it comes into contact with sour bile crashes into it, breaking it up. This is when you feel that awful nausea and cramping. If you are sluggish and "all knocked out," if your liver is torpid and bowels constipated or you have headache, dizziness, coated tongue, if breath is bad or stomach sour just take a spoonful of harmless Dodson's Liver Tone on my guarantee.

Here's my guarantee—Go to any drug store and get a 50 cent bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone. Take a spoonful tonight and if it doesn't straighten you right up and make you feel fine and vigorous by morning I want you to go back to the store and get your money. Dodson's Liver Tone is destroying the sale of calomel because it is real liver medicine; entirely vegetable, therefore it can not salivate or make you sick.

I guarantee that one spoonful of Dodson's Liver Tone will put your sluggish liver to work and clean your bowels of that sour bile and constipated waste which is clogging your system and making you feel miserable. I guarantee that a bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone will keep your entire family feeling fine for months. Give it to your children. It is harmless; doesn't gripe and they like its pleasant taste.

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BRITT-WEAVER CASE IS TO BE HEARD TOMORROW

Supreme Court and All Parties Agree on This Date.

This is Appeal From Ruling of Judge Adams in Buncombe County—North Carolina Orphan Association Holds Meeting.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 12.—Thursday of this week is the date set by the Supreme Court to hear the appeal from Judge Adams in the noted Britt-Weaver fight for an order to restrain the issuance of the certificate of election to Congress from the Tenth district to Z. V. Weaver, who claims a majority of nine over Congressman J. J. Britt. This date was set this morning by the court when motion to advance the appeal was made by F. W. Thomas, counsel for Britt.

Explanation of necessity for the advancement—the pendency of the Judge Bond order to December 13, on which date the State Board of Elections felt bound to issue the certificate on the returns questioned by the plaintiff—was made by Mr. Britt. A. Hall Johnson, for Weaver, told the court there was no objection to the advancement asked. Chief Justice Walter Clark asked what date would suit best. Britt told the court Friday or Saturday would be satisfactory. "How about Thursday?" asked the Chief Justice. All parties indicated that Thursday would be agreeable and this date was set.

There are not more than enough appeals to keep the court hearing arguments from the 20th district longer than tomorrow. These complete the arguments for the term and the court will then concentrate on clearing the docket for adjournment for the holidays, which will take place early next week.

Orphan Association Meets.

Presided over by President Z. Paris, the North Carolina Orphan Association was in session in the Senate chamber of the State House today considering means of co-operation for the furtherance of the cause of the care of orphans in this State. The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. W. T. Walker. The address by the president was a stirring plea for improved facilities for the care of orphans and a quickening of the interest of the people of the whole State in their welfare from Christian, humane and economic viewpoints.

Rev. M. L. Kestler, of the Baptist Orphanage, delivered a special address on "Necessity for Larger Legal Authority by the Orphans' Homes Over the Children Committed to Their Care," Mr. R. L. Brown gave an exposition of the "uniform admission blank," and Walter Thompson talked on proposed "Mothers' Pensions."

Mr. Charles O. Baird talked interestingly of "Ineligible Children," and the necessity for protecting the institutions from this class along with difficulties in doing so. There was a most interesting exposition of the relations of the Orphan Homes and the Children's Home Society by L. H. Putnam, who presented the great advantages of co-operation between these classes of orphan relief. C. W. Pender enumerated the evils of fake orphan work and difficulties of combating their evil effect.

The association spent some time in round table discussion of general or-orphanage problems. Preliminary reports made indicate that the campaign for the "one day's income" method of aiding orphanages for Thanksgiving season was even more successful than it was one year ago. The full figures as to the revenue to the various orphanages this Thanksgiving season are not yet in hand.

WOUNDS PROVE FATAL.

John Crabtree, Aged 15, Accidentally Shot While Hunting.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

New Bern, N. C., Dec. 12.—Funeral services over the remains of Master John Crabtree, the 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Crabtree, of Avenue A, were conducted from Centenary Methodist church yesterday afternoon and the interment made in Cedar Grove cemetery.

A week ago this young man, while out hunting with a companion near Maribel, Pamlico county, was injured when a shotgun in the hands of his friend was accidentally discharged.

TWO CRIMINAL ASSAULT CASES AGAINST JONES

Former Preacher of Wilmington District Now in Jail.

Excluded From N. C. Conference This Week—Charged With Criminally Assaulting Young Girls in Guilford and Durham.

(Special Star Telegram).

Durham, N. C., Dec. 12.—Rev. Ransom R. Jones, who was pastor of the Town Creek circuit of the Wilmington district until his resignation in June, of this year, was charged with criminally assaulting Minnie Beaker, a 14-year-old girl, in the report of the Durham county grand jury returned this afternoon. Jones was identified by the girl in Greensboro where he was jailed yesterday under $5,000 bond for alleged criminal assault of a 12-year-old girl in that city.

The alleged deeds were perpetrated in towns 55 miles apart and both within one week.

Jones was the only preacher in North Carolina Methodist Conference who failed to pass the character test applied by the bishop last week. When Presiding Elder L. E. Thompson was asked about the ministers in the district he responded, "Nothing except R. R. Jones quit the ministry and has left his work." He was summarily dismissed from the conference.

Of Unsound Mind?

He is about 25 years old and is supposedly of unsound mind. He gives Rustberg, Va., as his home, where he has a wife and child. He is originally from Duplin county, N. C., but has lately been residing in Petersburg, Va.

When arrested he had on his person a testimonial bearing good report as a communicant of the Episcopal church of Petersburg. He also had admission papers to the University of Virginia and a newspaper clipping which told of his expulsion from the Methodist Conference.

FORMER MAYOR OF MOUNT OLIVE DIES IN HOSPITAL

Colin Shaw Smith, Esq., Passes Away in Rocky Mount.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Mount Olive, N. C., Dec. 12.—Former Mayor C. S. Smith, who was taken to the Rocky Mount Sanitorium Sunday night to undergo an operation for appendicitis, died there this morning at 6:10, and though funeral arrangements have not yet been made known, it is probable the interment will take place here tomorrow.

Mr. Smith was born and reared near Delway, Sampson county, and, after graduation from the State University, followed by the securing of license to practice law, he finally located here some seven years ago, where he had succeeded in building up a splendid practice; and, through the practice of his profession and by reason of his administrations as mayor of the city for three terms, as well as by his general contact with the public, he has left an enduring reputation as one of the most universally admired citizens the town has ever had, and the news of his death cast a gloom of sorrow over the entire city.

He is survived by his young wife, who was Miss Mignonette Kornegay, a member of one of the most prominent families of the city, and by numerous relatives in his home community.

THERE'LL BE NO EMBARGO PLACED ON FOODSTUFFS.

Declaration of Congressman Kitchin's Private Secretary.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 12.—There are going to be no embargoes on foodstuffs passed at the present session of Congress, in the belief of E. B. Lewis, private secretary to Majority Leader Kitchin, back at his home here after a short stay in Washington. The consensus of opinion around the Capitol is that the embargo resolutions will not be taken seriously, he says. Mr. Lewis expects practically nothing to come out of the congressional plans to reduce the cost of living; departmental investigations may discover some illegal carryings-on, with remedial action resultant, but the lawmakers are not going to meddle in the situation to any depth, Mr. Lewis believes.

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NEARLY ALL MALE SENIORS EXPELLED FROM GRADED SCHOOL

Refused to Sign Pledge Required by Goldsboro Superintendent.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Goldsboro, N. C., Dec. 12.—A sensation was sprung here this afternoon when it was learned that almost every male member of the senior class of the Goldsboro graded school had been expelled by Principal A. B. Carson, charged with disobeying orders issued by Supt. C. V. Neuffer, in the nature of a proclamation which said class failed to comply with, in that the class should not have any recess in the future till they signed the pledge in the proclamation.

This the class refused to do today and left their class room later, being expelled. The trouble originated from some boy or boys shooting firecrackers on the grounds recently during recess hours, and in order to stop the disturbance Superintendent Neuffer issued a proclamation setting forth that every class in the school should sign a pledge not to abuse the privilege of recess, stating that those classes failing to comply with this request would not in the future be allowed to have recesses.

FORTY-ONE ADDED TO CHURCH.

Dr. Weston Bruner Conducts Successful Baptist Revival at Fayetteville.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 12.—A very successful two weeks' revival has just been closed by the First Baptist church of this city. Under the powerful and eloquent preaching of Dr. Weston Bruner, of Atlanta, home mission evangelist of the Southern Baptist Convention, 41 new members were added to the church and the religious interest of the entire congregation was deeply stirred. Dr. Bruner, who is head of the home mission department of the Southern Baptist denomination, made a most favorable impression here. The singing at the meetings was under the charge of Mr. Wolslagel, of Asheville.

VISITORS IN FAYETTEVILLE.

Philadelphia Capitalists and Professional Men in Town.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 12.—A party of a half dozen Philadelphia capitalists and professional men, headed by Miles P. Hoffman, formerly of Gastonia, are spending a few days here. Mr. Hoffman is president of the Aspen Cotton Mill Company, of this city, while A. J. Fleming, of Philadelphia, another member of the party, is a stockholder of the same corporation, and they are here for the annual meeting of the company. The others made the trip to Fayetteville as their guests. The other members of the party are W. F. Brown, a prominent attorney of Philadelphia; Cornelius Haggard, Jr., a manufacturer and prominent in politics in the Keystone state; Judge Joseph P. Rogers, of the superior court of Philadelphia, and Henry F. Stockard, a manufacturer, of Morristown, Pa.

NEW BERN IS PLANNING TO ENTERTAIN NEWSPAPER MEN

In Connection With Annual Press Convention at Morehead City.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

New Bern, N. C., Dec. 12.—The newspaper men of New Bern, assisted by the chamber of commerce, are planning to give the editors of the State a rare treat when they meet in their annual convention at Morehead City next summer and after the business sessions have been concluded. It is planned to take the coast guard cutter Pamlico and the Naval Reserve training ship, Elfrida, down to Morehead City, get the scribes, their wives, daughters and sweethearts and friends on board and bring them to New Bern.

After arrival here they will be entertained at a big banquet, given automobile rides around the city and county and will be shown a general good time.

GIVE DRAMATIC PERFORMANCE

University Dramatic Club Expected to Please Its Audience.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Chapel Hill, N. C., Dec. 12.—The University Dramatic Club will on Thursday evening give its first performance since introducing this year the "Little Theatre" plan. Three carefully selected one-act plays will be given, and those who have followed Carolina dramatics during the past four years assert that a pleasant entertainment is in store for the University audience, plus the many young ladies who will be in Chapel Hill at that time in attendance upon the annual fall dances to be held Thursday and Friday nights.

THIS STOPS HAIR FROM FALLING OUT

Ever try to count the dead, fallen hairs in your comb and brush? They are nature's advance warning of future baldness and proof that the dangerous little dandruff germ is busy on your scalp.

Dr. Sangerbund, the famous Paris specialist, first discovered that dandruff and falling hair are caused by a microbe. Then came the discovery of the value of the real Parisian Sage (liquid form) in destroying the dandruff germ and promptly preventing the further loss of hair. The effect of only three days' use of Parisian Sage is simply marvelous, and the American people have now awakened to the fact that dandruff is just as unnecessary as it is unhealthy, and that they can be quickly rid of it and save their hair by using a few ounces of Parisian Sage.

Parisian Sage is sold for not more than 50 cents a large bottle at drug and toilet counters everywhere. It is an ideal, daintily perfumed liquid, free from grease and stickiness, and will surely cause hair to grow soft, lustrous and really seem twice as abundant.

J. Hicks Bunting Drug Co. always has a large supply, and guarantees it to you.

ARMY AVIATORS WILL TRY TRANS-ATLANTIC FLIGHT.

Left to right: Capt. H. Sundstedt of the Swedish Navy and Lieut. K. Nyegard of the French army aviation corps, who have just arrived in this country. The two officers are to attempt the much discussed flight across the Atlantic ocean in a Curtiss built machine weighing ten tons and carrying four passengers. They plan to start early in April from St. John, N. F., and go to the west coast of Ireland.

Practical Christmas Gifts

USEFUL GIFTS ARE APPRECIATED MOST OF ALL.

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TOP O' THE MORNING.

It is not a sin to be rich, but to be rich and have no eye to see the need and misery of the world, and no ear to hear its bitter cry, and no heart to respond in a worthy fashion, is a sin and a sin by which the soul is lost. God save His people from being satisfied with just being rich. —INTELLIGENCER.

You're another and so are we.

Many people regard a rare treat and a half raw deal as being about in the same class.

Lots of people are talking just as if they had been eating eggs as a regular thing all this time.

Gen. Fred Funston is trying to argue with the Baptists, but he will find that they are too many for him.

Lots of people in this country are troubled with protruding ideas without practical plans for carrying them out.

Says a contemporary: "A doctor says the people are killing themselves eating." Maybe it's our old friend Doc Cook who has started that rumor.

The new silver dimes recently coined by the United States mint are being put in circulation but we have not assisted in doing so, owing to the fact that our ship hasn't come in.

The fact is the whole push is trying to live without the application of system. System for the male of the species is needful there be but a sister with system is as needful as he.

A jury awarded damages to a girl who brought suit because she suffered an injury that destroyed her ability to "fox trot." The jury must have been convinced that it really is worth something to be able to "trip the fantastic."

Says the Miami (Fla.) Herald: "A woman in Colorado, taking advantage of her franchise, voted twice, and those horrid men were mean enough to put her in jail." Well, the ballot gives woman one more opportunity to get in jail.

It is wisdom to be progressive but a lot of things that are dubbed progressive are the very antitheses of wisdom. Every montebank who has some fool thing to propose starts in by putting the progressive stamp on it. The reactionary retards but the radical disrupts.

Evidently somebody in America has some expectation of results from Germany's proposals of peace negotiation. As a result of yesterday's news from Berlin, the wheat market was smashed, there was a big slump in stock prices and a sharp advance in the cotton market.

A Wilmington man says he does not care how high goes the price of eggs. He has a recreation farm near town and plants cover crops so his chickens can take care of themselves, with one feeding of home raised corn in the evening. He gets all the eggs he needs for family use and his egg crop alone adds $15 a month to his farm income.

If the United States makes it a precedent to formally protest against the outrages that any or all belligerents commit on each other during war, we will get the habit of delivering moral lectures to the participants in all future wars. We have protested against Germany's treatment of Belgium and now Greece wants us to protest against her treatment by the Allies. What nations regard as a military necessity is not affected in the least by protests, because war is precisely what Sherman called it. The next war will be the same old outrage against civilization. The Hague convention itself was powerless to keep war from being anything but a relic of barbarism.

PEACE NEGOTIATIONS PROPOSED.

The proposals of Germany and her allies, made public yesterday by Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, to enter formally into peace negotiations, may or may not prove to be, as predicted by Berlin correspondents Monday, the most remarkable official utterance "since the outbreak of the war and of world-wide historical importance," but no news from Europe in recent months has been more interesting to America and other neutral nations. What the ultimate result will be is a matter for speculation but not for positive forecast or prediction.

Indeed the proposals, if they should prove to be the first step leading to ultimate peace and the end of the great war, would take their place in the annals of nations as of "world-wide historical importance."

Taking Germany's peace terms to be as indicated by the meager statement of them available at this writing, they are likely to impress neutral citizens of neutral nations as at least approaching a reasonable basis for a beginning of peace negotiations. Of course they will hardly be so accepted by the Allies or their warm partisan sympathizers, while naturally among those who are champions of the Teutonic cause they will be acclaimed eminently fair and reasonable. In the very nature of things it is impossible, of course, for the two sides to see the proposals in the same light. Also it will be just as impossible, ever and always, in any effort to bring about peace, that any formula of peace terms can be proposed by anybody that will prove entirely satisfactory to both sides. There must be some compromise, some yielding of a point by one side in exchange for a point yielded by the other side, else the war will never end until that day—the Lord only knows when—when one side or the other will be exhausted or crushed.

As a matter of speculation, we might suppose that Germany at this time considers that the advantage in the war is with her, that she and her allies have the "upper hand," as it were, and, therefore, that now is the time for them to propose peace negotiations and propose such terms as might not seem to neutrals to be very unreasonable but at the same time terms which the Entente belligerents would not consider seriously. In this event, the Central Powers would take the position that the responsibility for continuation of the war rested solely upon the Allies.

The Central Powers may be acting in good faith, on the ground that the advantage is now with them while there are accumulating evidences that the Entente Powers realize that the war has not been going well with them for some time, and, therefore, it is the opportune moment to propose peace negotiations. In this connection, at least one of the British papers a few days ago declared that Great Britain had two crises on her hands, one the cabinet crisis and the other the war crisis, admitting in a manner rather surprising that the Allies had not been succeeding, and giving expression to discouragement and disappointment. The edition of the London Observer which arrived in America this week, printed two weeks before the reorganization of the British cabinet, vigorously urged the imperative necessity for some kind of re-organization, deplored the inefficiency of the government and cried out despairingly for a more aggressive policy, at the same time expressing abandonment of its hope of a prosecution of the war to a successful conclusion even in 1917.

On the other hand, as a matter of speculation again, there may be some basis for the peace proposals in the fact that the re-organization that the London paper cried out for desperately has actually taken place, that Lloyd-George has assumed the premiership and presumably the war is to be prosecuted by Great Britain with unprecedented aggressiveness, in a mighty desperate effort to turn the tide that has for some time appeared at this distance to be moving in the wrong direction from the standpoint of the Allies. It may be that Germany and her allies, now feeling that they are in the ascendancy, realize that, with the adoption and aggressive prosecution of a new war policy on the part of the Entente powers, the situation is liable to change, and therefore now is the opportune moment to propose peace negotiations.

What the result is going to be no man can tell, but the ice has been broken; the initial step has been taken in the direction of ultimate peace. It is too much to hope that it means the end of the war lies in the immediate future, but the action of the German government gives us ground to believe that the end is nearer than it would have been if no such step had been taken. At least it opens the way for all the belligerents as well as neutrals to think and talk about peace and peace terms, and out of the thinking and the talking some means of stopping the ghastly ravages of the world holocaust may be ultimately evolved, in spite of the many obstacles and difficulties that presumably are sure to rise up in the way before the end is reached.

It may be the beginning of the end, and certainly without a beginning the end could never be consummated. At any rate, the way is open for a peace pourparter, during which a truce may be arranged pending the arrangement of such terms as may bring honorable peace to all the nations concerned. At last the time has come when President Wilson may with propriety use his good offices for bringing a horrible war to an end.

EDUCATIONAL LECTURES IN OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The people of Wilmington already have reason to be proud of their public school buildings and to be extremely gratified at the steady increase in the efficiency and progress of the schools in Wilmington and New Hanover county. There are very good reasons for doubting whether any American city or county of like size can compare with ours in their equipment on general lines. This is saying a great deal, but we believe a show down would result in substantiation of what we say.

If there is one thing in which Wilmington has been progressive it has been in the cause of popular education, and it is making a marked change for social betterment in addition to the main object of diffusing broader enlightenment among the succeeding generations. The children of today are given opportunities out of all comparison with the circumscribed school advantages of their parents and the practically negligible educational chances of their ancestors no farther back than fifty years ago. How fortunate, therefore, it is to be the children of this more enlightened and more progressive day! What a boon it is to the humanity of this age!

Even as great as are the school facilities of our city and county, all indicative of the capability and efficiency of the school management that has brought about a completer and constantly evoluting system, progress is still the guiding principle with our school authorities. Still another step is the movement by the New Hanover Board of Education for the introduction of educational lecture courses in the public schools of both the city and the county. The plan is to have a series of practical addresses by prominent speakers to be requisitioned in the city and to be drawn from other sections of the State and from even beyond the confines of North Carolina.

We get this view from the announcement by Woodus Kellum, Esq., chairman of the local Board of Education, concerning which publication was made in the city department of yesterday's Star. It comports with the school ideal here that good is not good enough and that better must be made better still. A higher efficiency is to be aimed at and attained by making the public schools, so earnestly supported by the people, better serve their maximum of usefulness as the enlightening power that makes a more intelligent people. The motive is to utilize the schools to the widest extent possible and to make them aggressively serviceable to the parents and community at large as well as to the pupils.

The purpose of our live and competent school authorities is to have lectures of genuinely broad interest and the only requirement of the speakers is that they are peculiarly qualified to discuss subjects that possess distinct educational value. These lectures are to begin at an early day, and it may be well conceived that the public schools may be thus made to enlighten our people as well as to lead the youth of the country along the broadest avenues of education.

Certainly it will enable the people of the city and the county to get into closer relationship with the schools so that they may keenly comprehend their value and co-operate more intimately in their progress and in solving whatever problems may need public attention. Our school authorities are but following along this line after the progressive school management of the metropolitan cities of our country. New York City especially has demonstrated the idea of introducing popular and entertaining lectures by experts in the various liens of primary and popular education.

It is a commendable movement here and the people of Wilmington and New Hanover should welcome the opportunity to encourage and support it with earnestness and enthusiasm.

Since the constitutional amendments do not become effective until January 10, while the Legislature convenes January 3, there is likely to be an unprecedented number of "little bills" introduced the first week of the session and a rush made by the members to get them pased before the amendments become effective to prohibit the General Assembly from consuming its expensive time passing bills to change the boundary lines of townships and to prohibit throwing saw dust into Mud creek, each bill necessarily being read and voted on three separate times on these separate days in the House and in the Senate, each consuming the time of the 170 members of the State's law-making body and the various and sundry clerks and others on the pay roll.

People have just naturally imbibed the idea that Jonah played in hard luck when he was swallowed by a whale. His luck could have been worse, for a man-eating shark might have got him. In view of what might have happened to Jonah, it was really lucky for him that the whale picked him up at sea and landed him on dry land once more. He escaped with his life from being either drowned or eaten by sharks, so here of late we have marveled at the lucky escape of a man thrown overboard to drift for himself. Really, Jonah could have had worse luck. He might have been overtaken by prosperity, without a scoop to [illegible] his share.

An electrically ignited pipe which lights the tobacco at the bottom of the bowl instead of at the top, thus avoiding the collection of moisture in the stem, is the newest in smokers inventions.

CURRENT COMMENT.

"Investigation of the car shortage in this country is apt to show that the cause of it is that too few ports on the Atlantic are expected to do the commerce of 100,000,000 of people. The country needs every port it has and they should be prepared to divide responsibility for the enormous and growing commerce of the nation."—Wilmington Star. New York's monopory of the foreign trade interferes with the full development of the commerce of this country.—Jacksonville Times-Union.

The government's estimate of a cotton crop of 11,511,000 bales is about in accord with the forecasts of local and State brokers and is probably a pretty close guess. The market, which had been in a weakening condition in anticipation of such a report, took an immediate tumble, the loss being about $5 a bale. There is one thing about a low price, and that is that the farmers are not forced to sell when the market does not suit them. Times have changed in that respect. Some of them have pocketed all the money they want for their immediate needs, with a little left over for Christmas, having paid out a small supply when prices were around 20 cents. Those who have no money have good credit, and the fact of a breaking market does not throw them into the state of alarm such a condition once was sure to do. There are a few farmers in the country who are stubbornluy holding for an expected price later on of 25 cents, and what's more, they are able to do it.—Charlotte Observer.

That the State Newspaper Institute of the North Carolina Press Association and the University of North Carolina was a marked success, is the testimony given in person by the newspaper men who met at Chapel Hill last week, this also given voice in many of the papers of the State, in personal letters sent to this paper, the president of the State Press Association, and to the men of the State University who led in making the event one of service. But in addition to the benefit received by the newspaper men there was a direct and distinct element of value in the institute for the young men of the School of Journalism of the State University, who undr the direction of Mr. Richard H. Thornton took part in the meeting and for three days issued a daily afternoon newspaper, the first daily ever making its appearance with a Chapel Hill date line, the paper not alone carrying institute and local news, but also a wire service which told of the happenings throughout the world. This was practical journalism for the young men engaged in it, the publication of the "Press Institute News" certainly of great value to the young men preparing to enter the field of newspaperdom. The chief editors were W. T. Polk, of Warrenton, and C. G. Tennent, of Asheville, the business manager, Mr. C. B. Webb, while Warrenton took another honor in that some of the linotype work was done by another young man of that place, Brodie Jones, son of Editor Howard F. Jones, of the Warrenton Record. The afternoon daily proved a hit and the young men who had it in charge reflected high credit on themselves by the way in which they handled matters. There was deep interest in all the proceedings of the State Newspaper Institute manifested by the young men of the School of Journalism, these being present at the various sessions and giving close attention to what was done. That there has been a service of practical value done for those young men of the State University in the meeting of the newspaper men at Chapel Hill is declared by them, a matter that adds to the success of the undertaking.—Raleigh News and Observer.

DEATH OF MRS. M. A. BARNHILL.

Good Woman of the Colly Community Has Passed Away.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Point Caswell, N. C., Dec. 12.—The many friends of Mr. J. R. Barnhill and Capt. E. J. Sherman deeply sympathize with them in the death of their mother, Mrs. M. A. Barnhill, of Colly, N. C., which occurred on last Saturday afternoon about 5 o'clock. She was 76 years of age and was a member of Haw Bluff Baptist church. Mrs. Barnhill had been in bad health for some time, but her condition was not thought to be very serious and the end came as a severe shock to her family and friends. All that her sons and loved ones could do was done to relieve her, but God saw fit to take her. In her death the church has lost a great worker and the community has lost a great friend, and her sons a devoted and sweet-spirited mother. The funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. J. H. Beck, and her body was laid to rest at Haw Bluff church. H. C. D.

Electrical goods to the value of $35,000,000, it is estimated, will be exported during the year 1916, the most prosperous year in the history of electrical manufacturing.

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All orders placed prior to December 16th will be delivered for Christmas.

Note: This is positively the last notice that you will have from me regarding Christmas deliveries at these prices.

Domestic, $15.50; former values, $18.50 to $27.00.

Imported, $22.50; former values, $25.00 to $41.00.

Ask yourself—Can you afford to miss it. From the present outlook it will be many years before you have another such an opportunity.

Most respectfully yours,

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SOLVING THE GIFT PROBLEM

The question most puzzling just now is "What to give." It is answered here completely with a suggestion and convenient showing of practical and appropriate holiday items. Each department offers a gift package designed to solve the gift problem—completely and satisfactorily. No worry—no trouble—no inconvenience—in choosing from this very complete stock—whether you wish something for the infant, the boy, the girl or the older ones.

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Daisy Air Rifles .. .. 50c to $1.00
Skooters, Skatemobiles and Coasters ... $1.00, $1.50, $3.50
Full assortment of Horns, 10c to 50c
Work Benches, strong and durable $1.75
Dolls' Trunks .. .. 25c to $2.98
Wardrobe Trunks.. $1.50, $2.50
Decorated China and Aluminum Tea Sets .. .. .. 50c to $1.50

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Lion Brand Shirts, all sizes, $1.00, $1.25, $1.50
Men's Silk Sox, all colors, 25c and 50c
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COL. J. A. BRYAN STRICKEN.

Suffers Stroke of Apoplexy and is in Critical Condition.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

New Bern, N. C., Dec. 12.—Friends all over North Carolina of Col. James A. Bryan, president of the National Bank of New Bern, will learn with genuine regret of his critical illness at his home in this city following a stroke of apoplexy which occurred Sunday night.

Colonel Bryan was out calling when attacked. Medical attention was at once secured for him and for a time it was thought that he would not live through the night, but his condition has improved and he is today said to be resting fairly well.

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MONTHLY REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH

Sanitary Quality of City Water Very Satisfactory.

Number of Dairies Fail to Make Report on Percentages on Butter—Reports of Food Inspector Aiken and Others.

Aside from the receipt and filing of a number of interesting reports covering the work of the various officials of the department for November, the regular monthly session of the Board of Health held yesterday afternoon at the county court house was without any special feature, as discussion by members related chiefly to matters of a routine nature. The meeting was presided over by Chairman W. A. McGirt. Other members present at the meeting were Drs. R. B. Slocum and J. H. Cranmer, and Prof. Washington Catlett.

The report of Miss Christie Pinner, School and Infant Welfare Nurse, concerning the activities of her department showed the following: Visits to homes, 204; visits to schools, 46; children excluded on account of illness, 27; children referred to family physician, 20; children referred to health officer, 7; infants under care, 22; and clinics attended, 8.

Plumbing Inspector Otto Genaust reported: Fixtures installed, 52; houses connected to sewer, 35; laterals laid, 32; permits issued, 36; inspections made, 36; condemnations, 0.

Chief of Sanitary Police E. Piner reported that during the month his department had made 14,230 inspections, condemned and cleaned 1,284 closets, and cleaned 1,327 closets reported by Mr. Holton.

Mr. Geo. F. Catlett, director of the laboratory, reported the sanitary quality of the city water supply as having been very satisfactory during the month.

Dr. Arnold Stovall, city and county physician, reported that he had made 110 calls to indigent in city and 50 calls to indigent outside the city. He also reports as remaining in quarantine three cases of measles in the city and two cases in the county, and two cases of diphtheria in quarantine in the city and one case of scarlet fever in the city.

Dr. T. B. Carroll, meat and milk inspector, made the following report:

"I made 29 inspections of dairies and dairy farms; the sanitary conditions, health of cattle and attendants were good.

"The bacterial counts and butter fat tests are as follows:

	Pct. Fat	Bacteria Per c.c.
E. C. Craft (one sample)	4.5	2,000
W. Loewenburg (2 sam.)	4.0	5,000
A. G. Warren, 4 sam.	3.9	5,000
Chas. Rogers, 2 sam.	3.7	5,000
Cape Fear Dairy, 4 sam.	5.0	6,000
W. M. Collins, 4 sam.	4.3	10,000
D. P. Klein Sons, 2 sam.	5.0	14,000
W. A. Spencer, 2 sam.	4.1	15,000
Ferndale Dairy, 1 sam.	3.8	15,000
Barlow Bros, 1 sam.	4.1	20,000
J. W. Lennon, 2 sam.	3.8	20,000
Holland Dairy, 1 sam.	3.6	30,000
H. C. Blake, 2 sam.	3.9	44,000
Midway Farm, 1 sam.	6.5	40,000
H. L. Kidd, 1 sam.	4.6	80,000
M. Schnibben, 4 sam.	3.9	130,000
Mrs. Newkirk, 2 sam.	3.6	160,000

The following had no samples: L. L. Newell, D. E. Kerr, G. W. Johnson, H. A. DeCover, Elmhurst Dairy, W. R. Vann, P. Wildeboer, Echo Farm.

"I made 2,478 post examinations of fresh slaughtered meats as follows: 178 cattle; 2,203 hogs; 90 calves; 3 sheep, and 6 goats, with one beef, two hogs and one veal condemned as unfit for food."

Mr. H. R. Aiken, food inspector, submitted the following report showing the food inspection scores for November:

Soda Fountains—United Cigar Store, 96; The Center, 96; Chas. F. Green, 94.4; Wilmington Cigar Co., 94.1; Elvington's (Princess street, 94; Payne Drug Co., 93.5; J. Frank Jarman, 93; Mission Pharmacy, 93; Newman's 91.9; Elvington's (Front street), 91.5; Baxter Tobacco Co., 91; Hanover Drug Co., 90; Warren's, 89.9; E. M. Cheek, 89.8; Starkey Bros., 86.5; Bunting's, 84.5; Shepard Bros., 84.

Ice Cream and Confectionery Plants—N. Kostelos, 94; Saffo Bros. (Front street), 88; Xanthos Bros., 87.9; Atlantic Confectionery, 79.6; M. Mansuras, 76.6; Saffo Bros. (Fourth street), 75.6; Ideal Confectionery, 75; John Phillips, 73; North Pole Confectionery, 72; N. Patelos, 71.8; Washington Candy Store, 68.5; Angelus & Pipos, 65.5; J. Pasvonis, 63.5; M. Paturis, 58.5; Jeff Zonnes, 57.5.

Restaurants—Newman's 93.5; Gieschen Bros, 85; Star, 83; Olympia, 82.5; Dixie Cafe, 81; Royal, 81; New York, 80; Coast Line, 80; Savage & Savage, 78.1; Crumpler & Scott, 78.

Bakeries—Globe, 89.5; Farris, 89.5; Royal, 84.5.

Fish Stalls—R. C. Fergus, 78.5; O. R. King, 77.5.

Ice Cream Factories—A. G. Warren, 90.5; J. W. Plummer, 85; Frost, 83.5; Xanthos Bros., 68.5; Elvington's, 68; M. Paturis, 64.5; Saffo Bros. (Fourth street), 64; Jeff Zonnes, 63.3; Washington Candy Store, 60; N. Patelos, 59; John Phillips, 58.5; Angelus & Pipos, 58; J. Pasvanos, 56.

Markets—New Way, 93.4; Nurnberger's, 93; Davis & Hintze, 91.5; C. O. Knox, 85; Batson's, 83.5; Pure Food, 80.6; O. H. Kennedy, 80; J. F. Sellars, 80; People's Market, 79.5; B. B. Bryan, 79; Cape Fear Market, 78; Mrs. M. T. Madrin, 76; H. W. Konig, 72; Todd Bros. 66; L. L. Shepard, 65.

Groceries—Hall & Ross, 94; Wilmington Grocery Co., 88; Thomas Grocery Co., 86; A. Steljes, 85; Sanders, 85; People's Supply, 85; Rankin Grocery Co., 84; Shands' Grocery, 84; Royal Grocery No. 2, 82.5; C. H. Bornemann, 80; Royal Grocery No. 1, 79.5; Jurgen Haar, 79; E. S. Bannerman, (Market street) 78; H. M. Tiencken, 74.6; John F. McKinnis, 71.2; L. Southerland, 70.5; Chas. E. Collins, 68.5; J. E. Marshburn, 68; E. E. Russ, 67.

Delicatessen—B. May, 80.5.

Dairy Lunch—The Center, 94.

—The Christmas holidays in the city and county schools here will begin on Friday afternoon, December 22, three days before Christmas, and the schools will re-open January 2nd, thus giving the teachers and pupils a holiday of 11 days, counting Saturday and Sunday.

ROTARY CLUB WANTS TO IMPROVE RETAIL TRADE

Committee to Help in Getting Better Train Service.

High School Building is Badly Needed, Says Chairman Woodus Kellum, of Board of Education, in Address to Club.

The Wilmington Rotary Club expects to continue its efforts for improving the retail trade of Wilmington and for this reason did not endorse the proposed additional passenger train service on th Seaboard Air Line until it could be definitely determined that it would be for the best interests of the city. However, after thorough investigation it was decided to endorse the proposition for putting on two additional passenger trains between Wilmington and Charlotte.

A committee was appointed composed of Messrs. J. C. Williams, L. T. Moore and W. D. MacMillan, Jr., to confer with Mr. J. G. McCormick and the members of the traffic committee of the Chamber of Commerce relative to the train service proposed and to take such action as they considered for the best interests of the city. After a conference, this committee decided that the proposed service, as suggested by Mr. McCormick and the traffic committee of the Chamber of Commerce and the Cape Fear Council, U. C. T., is the best that can be secured for the city at this time and voted to endorse it and to co-operate in every way possible to this end.

The club was asked to endorse the proposition for putting on two additional trains on the Seaboard and to send, if possible, a representative to the conference to be held with Seaboard officials in Charlotte on Friday of this week.

Mr. J. C. Williams, who was asked by President Roger Moore to preside at the meeting, pointed out that the proposed schedules for the trains provided that one was to leave at 4 A. M., one at 8:30 A. M., and one at 4:20 P. M. As the schedules now stand, trains leave Wilmington at 5 A. M. and at 3:55 P. M. and the only improvement that he could see in putting on the additional trains was to make it easier to get out of the city rather than to get here as the other new train to be put on would not get here until about 5 P. M. He did not see that this would make it any more convenient for a person to come to Wilmington than before as he would have practicall the same time to spend during the day.

"I am not that anxious to help our Charlotte store," he declared amidst applause, "and for my part I think we ought to go slow in endorsing a movement to furnish better train service for Charlotte that will not help us materially."

Chairman Woodus Kellum, of the Board of Education, was present by invitation and made a very interesting address on the schools of the city and county. He was glad to report that there is an increased interest and stated that practically every school in the city is now crowded. The new High School building is badly needed, he declared, and it is up to the people of Wilmington to provide it as early as possible. The board of Education is ready and willing to co-operate in every way possible in any proposition for providing better school facilities.

The Board of Education is considering carefully the question of putting in domestic science in the schools, he said, and it is hoped to take some step in this directio nsoon. He spoke in high praise of the splendid work that is being done by the colored students at the Williston Industrial school in this city.

Mr. C. W. Rodgers advocated in strong terms the building of a new High School building in order that the present High School building may be used by the students of the Union school, declaring that the latter is unsafe and ought to be condemned. Mr. Rodgers was appointed as chairman of a committee to go before the Board of Education and urge that this be done.

Mr. J. B. Huntington, chairman of the civic committee, stated that Fire Chief Schnibben would be glad to cooperate in having the grass and weeds burned off of vacant lots in the city. He suggested that the Atlantic Coast Line be asked to paint the interior of the union station and the club authorized him to ask the railroad to have this done.

The club endorsed a movement to have the next annual meeting of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly in Wilmington. Mr. Roger Moore stated that there was every prospect of getting the assembly here for the meeting on ext Thanksgiving provided an invitation was extended. The movement to have the meeting here originated with the teachers of the city.

GRAMPUS AT WORK.

Fisheries Vessel is Busy Searching for Clam Banks.

Although very little news concerning the details of its operations has been received here, the fisheries schooner Grampus, which recently arrived at Southport to conduct an exhaustive search of the fish and clam banks and shrimp beds off the North and South Carolina coast, has been busily engaged in pushing this important work, which may result in some important discoveries.

Mr. E. H. Freeman, fisheries commissioner, and Capt. Asa Burriss are on government scientist in locating what board the vessel and will assist the is believed as nearly as possible the waters in which the beds are believed to exist.

False Fire Alarm Turned In.

About 11 o'clock yesterday morning, members of the fire department responded to an alarm turned in by telephone, only to find upon arrival at the address given that there was no fire and that no alarm had been turned in from that address. The telephone message to the fire department stated that there was a fire at "No. 416 South Front street."

While it is possible to trace the source of such calls to the building from which they emanate if prompt complaint is made, it was stated last night at the office of the Bell Telephone Company that they had received no request to trace the call.

HE HAD NARROW ESCAPE IN THE DOVER STRAITS

Capt. F. J. Powers at Home to Recuperate From Effects.

Wilmington Man Was Chief Officer on Sibiria, Which Went Aground in the English Channel Last Month.

Although suffering still with a deep cold as a consequence of exposure when the American steamer Sibiria was wrecked on the Goodwin Sands in the Straits of Dover in the English Channel, Capt. K. J. Powers, a Wilmington man, who was chief officer on the vessel which was broken to pieces by the terrific storm which raged about her on November 21st, is otherwise none the worse for his harrowing experience. For about 24 hours he wasn't at all sure that he would ever again see American soil—or any other soil for that matter—and as it was he had enough excitement to make ordinary happenings seem very commonplace indeed.

Captain Powers arrived in Wilmington yesterday from New York to spend a month with his mother, Mrs. Emma T. Powars. He was born at Willard but later moved to this city and has followed the sea for 17 years. He has been in six shipwrecks in that time and eight years ago his vessel went ashore at the same place that the Sibiria struck the quicksands, but later was pulled off without serious damage.

Strong and stalwart, Captain Powers is a perfect type of the sturdy men who daily risk their lives on the great deep. Calm and collected in every movement, he does not become excited as he tells of clinging to a vessel which a strong sou'wester threatened every minute to break into pieces, regarding it simply as one of the incidents of his daily work.

Captain Powers was to have taken command of the Sibiria, which was carrying a cargo of grain and naptha from Montreal, Canada, to London, upon her return to New York. As it was, he and the 52 members of the crew had to take passage upon the British passenger steamer Baltic, having sailed from Liverpool on November 28th and reaching New York on last Friday.

Shortly before the Sibiria went ashore on the sands in the Straits of Dover, the Italian steamer Val Saldici had also gone aground. The crew of the latter vessel was rescued without great difficulty but it did not prove such an easy matter in the other istance.

"A Deal life boat seized what seemed a favorable opportunity," says an account of the attempts to rescue the Sibiria's crew, which appeared in an English paper published at Deal, "but a huge sea caught her and ripped her sails to shreds and tore the thwart to which the anchor line was attacked clean out of the boat. At the same time she was caught broadside on and filled with water. The boat was upturned in the water and to the crew of the Ramsgate boat who were watching the progress of their gallant effort it seemed impossible that any of the crew could be saved. However, the keel grounded in the sand and she righted herself but was so badly damaged that she couldn't return to shore. A similar fate happened to another boat and several of the crew of the latter suffered broken arms and legs and had to be rescued by other boats."

It was near the midnight of November 21st that a boat finally reached the Sibiria, which by that time had filled with water to her upper deck leaving only the masts for the members of the crew to cling to and took the crew of the distressed vessel on board.

Captain Powers spent six days in London and during that time there were two Zeppelin raids on the city. He found conditions to be apparently about normal except for the high prices of food and the strict military rules in force.

With butter bringing 60 cents a pound, eggs 12 cents each and sugar at 18 cents a pound, the captain thinks that Wilmington housewives would still have more reason to declare boycotts, if they were in England now. At night everything is in darkness but if a Zeppelin appears over the city, the signal flashed by means of electric lights, so that the inhabitants may observe due precautions.

Captain Powers has made many trips to England during the present war. Among the ports visited by him aboard ships are Liverpool, Plymouth and Dartmouth.

WILL SPEAK ON CHILDREN AT COURT HOUSE TOMORROW

Mr. L. H. Putnam Will Give Free Lecture on This Subject.

Mr. L. H. Putnam, superintendent of the North Carolina Children's Society, will deliver a lecture tomorrow night at 8 o'clock at the county court house on the subject of the Children's Society and what it is doing for children of the State. The lecture is free and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Mr. Putnam is a gifted speaker and in view of his long connection with juvenile work in this State which makes him especially competent to discuss children and their needs, it is expected that his audience will be well entertained.

He comes here at the invitation of a number of local organizations interested in child welfare. It is believed that the members of these organizations will turn out in large numbers to hear the distinguished speaker.

"MINISTRY OF HELPFULNESS."

News and Observer Speaks in High Terms of Rev. J. H. McCracken.

In an editorial on the conference appointments in yesterday's Raleigh News and Observer there is the following reference to Rev. J. H. McCracken, the new pastor of Fifth Avenue Methodist church in this city:

"Dr. McCracken, of Central church, has served his full four years in Raleigh and under the laws of the denomination it was required that he leave. Raleigh and his membership would gladly have kept him, for his has been a ministry of helpfulness that was far reaching, going well beyond denominational lines. The genial greeting of Mr. McCracken and his cordial attitude of good fellowship will always be pleasant memories to his friends here and those who observe his work can also testify to the substantial, constructive advances which his church made under his leadership. Good wishes of a wide circle will follow him to his new field at Wilmington."

GRANT TO SEEK RELIEF FOR LOCAL FISHERMEN

New Hanover Representative Outlines Measures He Will Push.

Local Representative in Next Legislature Will Introduce Eight-Hour and Bi-Monthly Pay Measure for Clerks.

Representative-elect L. Clayton Grant, who will go up to Raleigh about two weeks hence in order to be at his post when the speaker's gavel falls on January 3 calling the General Assembly to order, has a very definite programme of legislation to push which he thinks will enlist the attention and support of the progressive members of that body, regardless of party affiliation.

When asked by a Star reporter to outline some of the measures of local and State-wide importance which he would seek to have enacted into law, Mr. Grant said:

"I intend to introduce a bill to afford some relief to local fishermen from some of the regulations of the fisheries Commission concerning the kinds of nets and the places where the same may be used.

"I am in favor of having public service corporations pay off their clerks bi-monthly and I am also in favor of making the eight-hour day the standard for all employes of public service corporations, including clerks. Clerks are often required to perform extra duty at night without extra pay. In fairness to the clerks, I think it nothing more than fair that when they are required to work overtime, they should receive compensation for such overtime. I will introduce bills covering both of these measures.

"I contemplate introducing a bill providing for the establishment of a rural constabulary in New Hanover county. Such a force would number from two to four men, and among the duties imposed upon them would be the enforcement of the game laws and the traffic and speed laws.

"I am also in favor of having a law passed which will require all moving vehicles on the public highways to carry some kind of a light at night for their own safety, whether buggies, wagons or machines. I regard it as just as important that such vehicles should carry lights on the rural public roads where there are no lights to illumine the highway as in the city, where although the traffic is heavier the street lights render accidents less likely to occur. I believe such a law would be extremely helpful to all who have occasion to travel in vehicles on the public roads at night.

Practically all of the foregoing measures are of great local interest, and this is especially true of the proposed eight-hour bill and bi-monthly pay bill for clerical employes of public service corporations. Approximately 1,000 clerks employed in the general offices of the Atlantic Coast Line Company have a direct interest in both the above measures. Owing to the fact that these employes are paid off monthly, many of the clerks, it is stated, are compelled to have resort to loan sharks to get advances on their salaries. Many of the clerks, it is stated, also put in a large amount of overtime work each week for which they receive no additional compensation.

While the law regulating the hours of work of clerks employed by public service corporations will be State-wide in its application, it will nevertheless be of particular local interest on account of the large number of residents of this city who will be affected should it be made a law.

In view of the fact that the recent amendment to the State Constitution prohibiting the Legislature from passing any public local laws relating to trade, labor, mining and manufacturing and other specified subjects goes into effect soon after the convening of the next Legislature, Mr. Grant states that one of the most important matters which that body will have to deal with will be the passage of a general law delegating to county commissioners or some other body the power to legislate on such subjects, where it is impracticable or undesirable to pass a uniform and State-wide law on the matters named in the amendment to the Constitution.

In view of the fact that Representative Gallatin Roberts, of Asheville, is one of the leading candidates for the speakership of the House of Representatives, and is an ardent advocate of woman suffrage, a State-wide bill granting women the right to vote is practically sure to be again introduced. Mr. Grant states that he is in favor of woman suffrage and will support such a measure.

As to the matter of whom he will favor for the speakership, Mr. Grant announced some time ago that he would support Mr. T. C. Bowie, of Ashe county, for the speakership, but unfortunately the Republicans put the kibosh on that gentleman's candidacy by defeating him at the general election. Mr. Grant has not decided whom he will support for speakership, since his man was defeated.

President R. L. Davis, of the Anti-Saloon League of North Carolina, on the occasion of his recent visit to Wilmington had a conference with Mr. Grant and told him what the league was going to endeavor to have done at the coming session with respect to the additional prohibition legislation. President Davis stated that the league was preparing to make a fight for legislation prohibiting the locker system in clubs for the storage or distribution of intoxicants. As Mr. Davis announced that the league was in favor of eradicating the liquor traffic "root and branch," his remarks are interpreted as meaning that an assault will be made to prohibit the receipt of even a quart of whiskey or other intoxicants by residents of this State.

MR. JOHN C. BAUMAN DEAD.

Former Wilmingtonian Passed Away Suddenly in Jacksonville, Fla.

Mr. John C. Bauman, formerly of Wilmington, died in Jacksonville, Fla., yesterday afternoon, following a stroke of paralysis, according to telegraphic advice received by relatives. He was the eldest son of the late John G. and Ellen A. Bauman, of this city.

Surviving Mr. Bauman, in addition to his beloved wife and two sons, are his sisters, Mrs. Eduard Peschau and Mrs. M. A. Hayden, of this city.

Mr. Bauman was born in this city November 28, 1845, and was, therefore, in his 72nd year.

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JOINT MEETING SATURDAY

School Committeemen of New Henaver to Hold Conference With Board of Education Here.

Many questions in connection with the school system will be discussed at the conference Saturday morning of the school committeemen of New Hanover and the members of the Board of Education, said Prof. Washington Catlett, county superintendent of public instruction, yesterday. The conference will be held at 11 o'clock in the Hemenway school building. Prior to the holding of the conference, the annual meeting of the New Hanover Teachers' Association will be held.

Professor Catlett has sent out the following letter to each one of the 75 committemen in the county, explaining the purpose of the conference:

"Dear sir: On former occasions good has resulted from a conference of the school committemen. After advising with the members of the Board of Education, it is thought eminently desirable that the administrative branch of the county educational department should meet together to discuss matters of general importance to the schools.

"You are, therefore, earnestly requested to attend a joint meeting in the Hemenway building on Saturday, December 16, at 11 o'clock, a. m. Come prepared to discuss subjects pertaining to the general welfare as well as to your individual district."

Dan'l Green Felt Slippers, all colors, Wilmington Shoe Co.
(advertisement.)

HOW THE BOYS ON THE BORDER FEEL ABOUT HOME

Wilmington Engineers Would Like to Have Some Token of Recognition.

How it feels to be away from home and in a far country with no prospect of getting back for Christmas is well expressed by a letter from one of the members of the Wilmington company of Engineers now on the Mexican border to a prominent citizen of this city. This young man points out the great need for a word of encouragement from home and also of the good those fortunate ones who may be able to help by sending something substantial may do by forwarding a Christmas package to the less fortunate members of the company, who may not have anything else for Christmas.

This young man writes home as follows:

"We have just recently received orders that we will be away from home and on the border on Christmas. A few of these boys and myself are trying to start a movement in Wilmington for recognition of our absence. We are writing you as we know of the prestige anf influence which you have in Wilmington and we feel sure that as our personal friend you will do your part in helping it along.

"The conditions are as follows: The fact that we are to be away from home on the main day of the year has inspired an element of despondency throughout the company. Since we left home we have not even received a word of encouragement from any of our home organizations and you cannot blame us for noticing the indifference. Of course, my friends and myself will fare in a princely manner on that day but it is for the less fortune ones that we are doing this.

"Of course, we would not want anything of intrinsic value from anyone but a word of interest and recognition from the city to the company would make us as happy as one could wish."

DIED.

HULL—At his home in this city Tuesday, December 12th, 1916, at 5:35 P. M., WILLIAM GLADDEN HULL, in the 54th year of his age.

Funeral this (Wednesday) afternoon at 2:45 P. M. from residence, 13 North Sixth street; interment Savannah, Ga. Friends and acquaintances respectfully invited to attend the services.

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(advertisement.)

And this store is abundantly prepared to aid you in the selection of suitable gifts. Every show case, counter and table is piled high with appropriate gifts for men, women and children. Just come in this morning and see if the right article doesn't present itself.

For Men and Young Men

We would suggest that you take advantage of our December clearance offering in Suits and Coats. Father, brother or son will surely appreciate the kind of clothes we sell and if your selection does not fit we will gladly exchange it for him after Christmas. Our offering just at this time means a substantial saving in the price.

Men's Gloves for Christmas

Men's Gloves have been very scarce and exceedingly hard to get, but we have succeeded in getting together a fairly complete stock. All shades and sizes. Priced **$1.50** to **$1.75.**

Wednesday Morning Special

Men's and Women's $1.50 Bed Room Slippers, all colors, Morning price **$1.19**

BELK-WILLIAMS COMP'Y

SOCIAL

L'Arioso German Club will hold its annual Christmas dance on December 27th.

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The sale of Red Cross seals at the postoffice started off most auspiciously yesterday, the total for the first day being 584. Mrs. S. Mendelsohn will be the chaperone today.

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St. Cecilia's Guild of St. James' Episcopal church will have a sale at Nos. 6 and 8 North Front street, beginning this morning at 10 o'clock. Articles for infants and small children will be a specialty. Candy, flowers, dressed dolls will be for sale.

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St. Agnes' Guild of St. James' Episcopal church will hold its annual Christmas sale at the Housewives' League rest room beginning this morning at 10:30 o'clock and continuing throughout the day. Lingerie, dolls and other articles will be offered for sale.

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An educational meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of Grace Methodist church will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock. All members are urged to attend this meeting as an interesting programme has been prepared on a review of Latin American countries, which is being studied by the Mission class.

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MRS. CREASY TO ATTEND MEETING OF STATE BOARD.

Mrs. W. M. Creasy, recording secretary of the North Carolina Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, will leave this morning for Tarboro to attend a meeting of the executive board of this organization which will be held today and tomorrow at the home of the State president, Mrs. T. W. Thrash, at that place. There are 12 members of the board and the meeting is called for the purpose of outlining the work of the division for the ensuing year. While at Tarboro, the visitors will be the guests of Mrs. Thrash.

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ATLANTA AUDIENCE PLEASED WITH MISS HARRISS' RECITAL

The singing of Miss Anna Graham Harris, formerly of Philadelphia, now of Wilmington, at the auditorium in Atlanta last Sunday afternoon met with the cordial approval of a large audience, according to the Atlanta Constitution, which in connection with the prtining of the programme, says:

"The singing of Miss Anna Graham Harris, of Philadelphia, a contralto of note, attracted a large number of people to the organ recital Sunday afternoon at the auditorium. She was generously applauded.

"The playing of Chares A. Sheldon, Jr., city organist, was up to its usual standard of excellence and the rendition of Tosti's 'Goodby,' was distinctly appreciated."

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GODWIN-SHEPARD WEDDING TOOK PLACE AT MIDDLE SOUND MONDAY

A pretty home wedding was celebrated Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Will Rehder on Middle Sound, when Miss Eveline E. Shepard, of this city, became the bride of Mr. Archie B. Godwin, brother of Congressman Hannibal L. Godwin, of Dunn. The ceremony was perfofmed by Rev. H. W. Koelling, pastor of Pearsall Memorial church.

The bride wore a beautiful white net dress with pear trimmings and carried a bouquet of bride's roses and lilies-of-the-valley. The bridesmaid, Miss E. E Ennitt, wore a pink silk taffeta dress and carried a bouquet of pink roses. Mr. A. T. Godwin, a cousin of the groom, was best man.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held for the members of the bridal party and refreshments served. After the reception, Mr. and Mrs. Godwin left by train for Dunn, where they will take up their residence.

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INVITATIONS ISSUED FOR THE SHAW-LOGAN WEDDING

Handsomely engraved invitations have been received by friends in this city reading as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. B. Wilbert Logan
request the pleasure of your company
at the marriage of their daughter
Grace Duerr
to
Mr. Heman Summerell Shaw
on Wednesday the twenty-seventh
of December

at half after seven o'clock
in the evening
at the Grove
LeRoy, New York.

Enclosed are cards reading, "Will be at home after the first of February, Haverford, Pennsylvania."

The bride-elect has for several years been the popular an deficient teacher of domestic science in the Wilmington High School and is an accomplished young woman. Mr. Shaw, who is a son of Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Shaw, was formerly principal of the High School here, and is now a member of the faculty of Haverford College.

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PLANTATION SONGS TO BE FEATURE OF MEETING TODAY

Plantation folk songs as sung by the ante-bellum darkies will be the chief subject at this morning's meeting of the Music Department of Sorosis which will be held at 11 o'clock in the club rooms. All members are urged to attend as the prospects are that it will be one of the most interesting meetings of the season. The following programme will be carried out:

At the Dawn of Day—Coleridge Taylor
Mrs. Frank Ross.
Two Negro Spirituals:
De Rocks A' Rendin—Arthur Farwell
Moanin' Dove—Arthur Farwell.
Mrs. J. D. Edwards.
A Negro Lullaby .....Burleigh
Miss Maud Bulluck
My Merlindy Brown .....Burleigh
Miss Catherine Vollers.
A Negro Lullaby .....Coleridge Taylor
Mrs. W. A. French.
Steal Away .....Coleridge Taylor
Mrs. A. W. Waddell.
A Banjo Song .....Coleridge Taylor
Miss Katie Foard.
Uncle Rouie .....Sidney Hower
Mrs. George Boylan
My Old Kentucky Home .....
Stephen Foster
Old Black Joe .....Stephen Foster
Sung by All Present.

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PRETTY CHURCH WEDDING WAS CELEBRATED YESTERDAY

A wedding of much interest to a wide circle of friends was celebrated yesterday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock in St. James' Episcopal church when Miss Almeria Stevenson became the bride of Mr. Thomas Michael Ramsaur, of City Point, Va. The ceremony was performed in the presence of a large congregation by Rev. Hoke Ramsaur, brother of the groom, of Philadelphia, Pa., assisted by the rector of the church, Rev. Dr. Wm. H. Milton.

The church was beautifully and appropriately decorated for the occasion. Prior to the wedding Mr. William Gimmel Robertson, organist of the church, played a pre-nuptial selection of musical numbers and as the bridal party entered the "Bridal Chorus" from Lohengrin was rendered.

Mrs. Sydney B. Orne was the dame of honor and Miss Christine Stevenson, sister of the bride, was the maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Miss Louise Wise and Miss Kate Faison.

Mr. William C. Lord, of City Point, was best man and the groomsmen were Mr. John H. Jones, of New Bern; Mr. Hugh Figgat, of Roanoke, Va.; Mr. Richard Eames, of City Point; Mr. George Strong, of Raleigh, and Messrs. Douglas Taylor and Robert Strange, of this city.

Immediately after the wedding a reception was held at the home of the bride's mother at No. 419 South Third street. Mr. and Mrs. Ramsaur left on the 6:45 train for a bridal trip to Northern cities and after two weeks will be at home to friends at City Point.

Mrs. Ramsaur is a popular and accomplished young woman with a host of friends here and elsewhere. The groom was formerly a member of the Wilmington High School faculty and is now employed with the Dupont Powder Works as chemist.

Out-of-town guests here for the wedding were Mrs. T. M. Ramsaur, of China Grove; Mrs. Hoke, of Lincolnton; Mrs. A. R. Gordon and Miss Elizabeth Gordon, of Spray; Miss Bessie Hinton, of Raleigh; Mr. John E. Lord, of Philadelphia.

HEAVY SENTENCES ARE GIVEN DEFENDANTS BY RECORDER

Ed Austin, Colored, Draws Six Months For Larceny—Other Cases Tried.

The chief sufferer at yesterday morning's session of the Recorder's court was Ed Austin, colored, who was given six months on the county roads on the charge of the larceny of numerous articles from the furniture store of W. J. Bradshaw & Co. Austin, who was employed at the store was arrested Monday and a search of his home resulted in the discovery of a clock, tricycle and other articles, which were later identified as having been taken from the store.

The next longest sentences went to J. H. Jackson, colored, charged with the larceny of a pair of overalls, and Annie King, colored, charged with a second offense for vagrancy, each of whom was given three months.

In the case of Maggie Bentley, white, who submitted to a charge of vagrancy, prayer for judgment was continued upon condition that the defendant leave the county by Friday, December 15th. Louise Crawford, colored, charged with assault with deadly weapon, was demanded for trial before Justice W. A. McGowan, it appearing that no serious injury had been inflicted.

That the session of juvenile court held in the afternoon, Recorder Harriss tried the case of Ernest Jackson, colored, 9 years old, who was charged with the larceny of a bicycle. In view of the youthfulness of the defendant, he was paroled in the custody of his mother, who will have to report the child's behavior once each month to the Recorder.

EXPECT SUPERIOR COURT TO LAST UP UNTIL SATURDAY.

Hearing of Motion Docket Will Not Begin Before Thursday.

It is expected that the present term of Superior court will last up to Saturday, as there are a considerable number of cases still to be tried. Announcement was made yesterday by Judge G. W. Connor that the motion docket will not be called before Thursday. The disposition of cases on the motion docket will probably take up not more than two days, so if work begins on it Thursday morning, court could probably be adjourned Friday afternoon.

Among the cases disposed of yesterday were that of the Waldorf Park Realty Company against R. A. Montgomery for alleged breach of contract with respect to the purchase of some lots on Long Island and in which the jury gave a verdict for the defendant; that of the First National Bank of Mullins, S. C., against the Murchison National Bank, which was dismissed; that of J. E. McRay against C. D. Gilbert, which was non-suited; that of Chas. Schaefer & Son against the Stone Company, in which action was brought for $1,385 worth of goods alleged to have been sold and delivered, and which the jury decided in favor of the defendant.

When court adjourned about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, the case of the Branch Saw Company against J. N. Bryant in connection with certain band saws alleged to have been sold the defendant was being heard. All the testimony in the case was completed and argument of counsel will begin this morning when court convenes.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following deeds were filed yesterday in the office of the register of deeds: Joseph W. Little, commissioner, to J. O. Hinton, for $273, six lots at Villa View; John Lewis Williams to Carmine G. Ambiosiano, for $100 and other considerations, lot at Garden City; J. W. Blake and wife to R. L. Johnson, for $100 and other considerations, lot at 17th street and Carolina avenue; O. M. Hill to Grover W. Hill, for $10 and other considerations, lot on the west side of Fifth avenue, 173 feet south of Castle, 22x90 feet in size; Carolina Real Estate Trust Co., to Anthony Lewandowski, ten acres of land at Marathon; L. David and wife to William Canady Smith and wife, for $10 and other considerations, lot on Irving avenue, 66 feet north of Kidder street, 32x33 feet in size.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. James Sinclair, a former Wilmington boy, now of Waycross, Ga., spent yesterday in the city, a guest of the Orton.

—Among the North Carolina arrivals at the Hotel Wilmington yesterday were T. G. Caldwell, Salisbury; M. N. Rayner, Fayetteville.

—Mr. Chas. T. McDonald, of Raleigh, well known dealer in stocks and bonds, spent yesterday in the city on business. He was a guest at the Hotel Wilmington.

—Among the North Carolina arrivals at the Orton yesterday were L. E. McBrayer, Charlotte; John T. Rivers, Sanford; W. F. Porter, Emerson; J. C. Cromartie, Garland; Dan Hester, Whiteville; N. O'Berry, M. E. Robinson, Jr., Goldsboro; O. L. Lanson, Evergreen; Octavi Hicks, Mt. Olive.

LOCAL DOTS.

—Mr. J. H. Jones, who is employed at the city stables, is not a timekeeper as was stated in yesterday's Star.

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DEATH OF MR. W. G. HULL.

Passed Away Yesterday at Home in Wilmington After Short Illness.

The announcement of the death of Mr. William Gladden Hull, which occurred yesterday afternoon at 5:35 o'clock at his home, No. 13 North Sixth street, will be received with deep regret by a host of friends here and elsewhere. He had been in failing health for the past month, but did not become seriously ill until last Thursday. He was in the 54th year of his age.

The deceased was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick M. Hull, of Savannah, Ga., and was born in that city on July 21, 1863. Early in life he went with the Plant railroad system and remained in Savannah until 1902, coming to Wilmington when that railroad was consolidated with the Atlantic Coast Line. Since that time he had been in the general offices of the Coast Line in this city and at the time of his death was clerk to the auditor of freight receipts. He was a member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, this city.

Surviving besides his parents are his wife and young son, Frederick M. Hull, 3rd, and four sisters and two brothers, as follows: Mrs. George Garmany, Mrs. W. H. Wade and Misses Nina and Hattie Hull, all of Savannah, Ga.; Mr. Frederick M. Hull, Jr., of Jacksonville, Fla., and Mr. Darwin B. Hull, of California.

A short funeral service will be held at the residence this afternoon at 2:45 o'clock by Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure, pastor of St. Andrew's church, and the remains will be taken on the 3:45 train to Savannah, where the interment will be made.

Mrs. W. H. Wade, of Savannah, arrived here yesterday to be with her brother. She and other members of the family will accompany the remains to Savannah today.

TO ATTEND CONFERENCE ON SEABOARD SCHEDULES.

Wilmington Will be Represented at Meeting to be Held at Charlotte.

Mr. W. E. Perdew, representing the Chamber of Commerce; Mr. J. G. McCormick, representing the traffic committee of the Chamber, and Mr. John W. Blomme, representing the local U. C. T. council, will represent Wilmington's interests at an important conference to be held at Charlotte on Friday, December 15, at the office of the Charlotte Shippers & Manufacturers' Association, the object of which is to arrange new schedules for the Seaboard between Wilmington and Rutherfordton and for the intervening territory.

General Manager C. S. Lake, of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, of Norfolk, Va., and Vice President Chas. R. Capps, also of the Seaboard, will also attend the conference.

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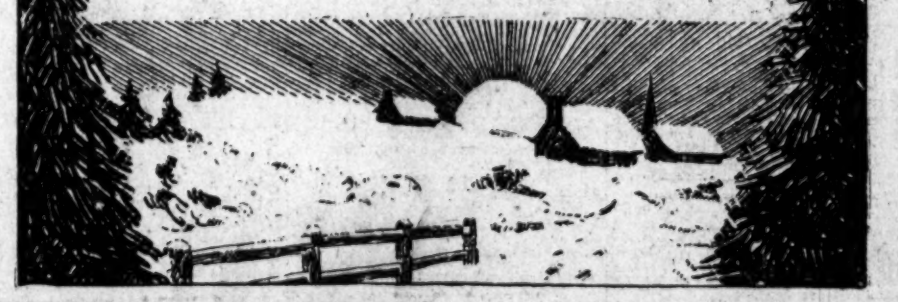

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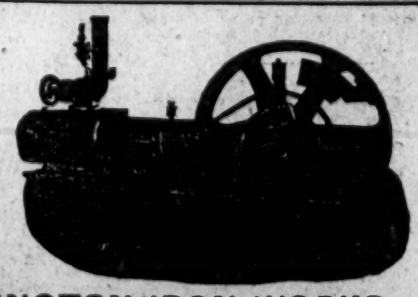

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THEATRICAL

Today at the Grand will be presented the nineteenth great chapter of that stirring serial romantic drama, "Gloria's Romance," in which the gifted Billie Burke has been creating such a sensation all over the country for the past five months. The attendance today will lively rival any past episode of this thrilling serial, and those who wish good seats should come early.

This is the next to the final chapter of that great serial of thrills and romance, and there are many thousands of Wilmingtonians who are on tiptoe to learn what the final ending of this great serial will be, and today's chapter will go a long way toward revealing the end.

Julia Gifford in "Sweethearts," Victor Herbert's Masterpiece, Academy of Music, Matinee and Night, on next Wednesday.

Throughout the nineteen weeks that this serial has been running in Wilmington it has drawn remarkably large crowds, despite very disagreeable weather. It has been most remarkable in point of interest shown, and speaks well for any serial that can sustain interest so well through so long a period.

The enchanting star of photoplay and stage, Irene Fenwick, will make another appearance at the Grand today, starring in a great Kleine five-reel superdrama, "The Commuters," one of her greatest screen characterizations, which is fully up to the standard of past big Kleine features which have been presented all along with Gloria's Romance, making today's another great double-feature seven-reel bill.

New Bill at Victoria.

Today at the Victoria, Castle's Casino Girls Company will present a brand new bill from beginning to end, a bill that Mr. Castle states is away above the one presented the first part of the week.

"Her Little Highness" is the title, and the scenes are laid in a Moorish Palace which with the special scenery carried by this company, should furnish a chance for a splendid scenic effect and beautiful stage settings.

In the ridiculous and laughable role of "General Punkelmeyer" will be seen Ben Hassen, while Bill Batley will be "The Army" and Billy Morrell, the Pasha.

A feature of this show will be the catchy musical numbers, including "Till the Sands of the Desert Grow Cold," "Aviation," "Singapore" and "Son of the Desert," and will also feature a new acrobatic act by Ben Hassen.

"Lass of the Lumberlands"—Bijou

The second thrilling chapter of "A Lass of the Lumberlands," the great Mutual serial starring Helen Holmes, today's feature at the Bijou, is the biggest thriller of the week, entitled "The Wreck in the Fog," and opens with "Dollar" Holmes in the offices of the lumber trust laying the plans for the great power and wealth he has set about to pile up for himself. He wins the consent of Greer's beautiful daughter to marry him, not knowing that his wife and child have been rescued and are still alive. A year passes and his passionate desire for a son is gratified.

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There are other big features today—a mammoth two reel Universal dramatic gem, "Circumstantial Guilt," with Jack Nelson and Burton King in the two principal roles. A great bill, every minute of which you will enjoy.

"Maid to Order."

The story of "Maid to Order" the musical comedy which will be the attraction at the Academy of Music on next Saturday, matinee and night, tells of the difficulties encountered by a wealthy young man in gaining the consent of a blustering, meddlesome uncle to marry the girl of his choice. As the action progresses, three uncles develop, a book agent whom he engages to impersonate his uncle, a school chum who insists upon being his uncle to help him out and a bona fide relative. The entangles that ensue from this superfluity of uncles makes the story rich in side-splitting situations that develop naturally.

The matinee prices will be 25 cents for balcony seats; 50 cents for lower floor seats, and 25 cents for children to any seat in the theatre. Tickets will go on sale tomorrow morning at Elvington's Pharmacy at 9 o'clock.

Victor Herbert's "Sweethearts."

If all the world loves a lover it is doubly sure that all the play-going public of this city will love "Sweethearts," the Victor Herbert operetta, which comes to the Academy of Music.

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SHIPPING HOLLY FROM BURGAW.

Four Car Loads Forwarded—Cotton Ginning Figures—County Offices.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Burgaw, N. C., Dec. 12.—Four carloads of holly have been shipped from here this season and one more is to go forward. It is said there is not much money in it this year.

Dr. J. M. Wells, of Wilmington, closed the meeting here Sunday evening, with a very able sermon. The people here enjoyed the series of sermons he preached last week. He is always heard here with pleasure.

The Burgaw ginnery has ginned about 600 bales of cotton thus far this season, which is nearly or quite equal to the quantity ginned last year, notwithstanding the fact that the crop in this section was cut off at least one-half. This would indicate a largely increased acreage. However, it is safe to say that the farmers have received more for their crop than if it had been a full one. There is one curious thing about the cotton market, and that is the sellers say that while cotton is quoted on the Wilmington market at 19 cents, they can't get that price when they sell it; in other words, the Wilmington buyers do not pay the price quoted in the papers, and they are curious to know why this is.

Sheriff R. T. Murray, who was formally inducted into the sheriff's office a week ago, has employed Miss Agnes Rowe, of Smith's Bridge, as his bookkeeper. Miss Rowe is an expert bookkeeper and stenographer, and she will, no doubt, keep things in apple pie order. With Miss Rowe in the sheriff's office and Miss Scott in the register's office, there is only one office in the court house now without a lady assistant, and that is the office of the clerk of the court.

DR. SUMMERBELL AT ELON

To Deliver Series of Lectures on "The Genius of Protestantism."

(Special Star Correspondence).

Elon College, N. C., Dec. 12.—The lectures of Dr. Martyn Summerbell are scheduled to begin on Wednesday of this week and to conclude on Saturday. They gather themselves around the general theme, "The Genius of Protestantism" and are a logical conclusion to the series of six consecutive annual lectures treating of the Protestant Reformation in various lands by Dr. Summerbell. The particular topics of the lectures are: The Theistic Impulse of Protestantism; The Educational Impulse of Protestantism; The Moral Impulse of Protestantism; and the Spiritual Impulse of Protestantism. Dr. Summerbell will also preach twice next Sunday and will leave for his home in Lakemont, N. Y., next Monday.

ROBBERIES AT MOUNT OLIVE

Home, Boarding House and Drug Store Entered at Night.

Mount Olive, N. C., Dec. 12.—One home, one boarding house and one drug store were all entered here last night by thieves.

The home was that of Mr. W. H. Davis, from which the thieves got away with Mr. Davis' watch and $32 in money.

The McGee boarding house was entered, from which they took one pair of pants, a watch and about $1.50 in money, all belonging to one of the boarders.

Entrance into the Mount Olive Drug Company's store was effected through a window in the rear of the building. Only a small amount of money was taken, so far as is now known.

The opinion prevails here that the thefts were committed by parties who knew well the "lay of the land."

A western trapper has arranged an electric signal system which lights a tiny electric bulb when a trap is sprung enabling him to locate it in the darkness and kill the animal.

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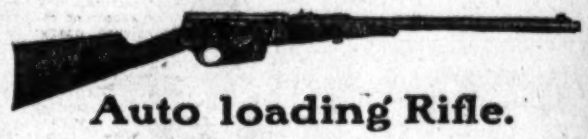

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FASHION Imitates the RUSSIAN DANCERS

by Hester Winthrop

The Immense Vogue of Paisley Wraps was Directly Inspired by the Splendid Bakst Costumes

The Petrouchka Hat Adapted in Black Satin and Gold from the Nurse's Capinan Episode of the Ballet Russe

In "Carnival" a Quaint Early Victorian Episode is worn the Costume that Inspired this Paris Evening Coat of Rose Velvet and Skunk Fur

An Orchid and Silver Dance Frock with the Daring Bifurcated Skirt worn by Mlle Revalles in "Scheherezade"

Flora Revalles Gorgeous Costume in "Scheherezade" has been Reproduced with Modifications in many a Winter Evening Gown ©IRA L. HILL, N.Y.

Scheherezade Gowns With Skirts That Suggest Oriental Trousers and Strings of Beads for Bodices - Bakst Colors Even In Sport Garb - Paisley Appears In Winter Costume.

YOUR orange silk sport coat; your new string of coral beads; your dance frock encrusted with spangled and sequined trimming; your floating tulle sleeves; your peaked velvet hat, with gold thread embroidery—all of these came to you because some years ago one Leon Bakst made some remarkable sketches for a Ballet Russe of which M. Serge de Diaghileff was the moving spirit, the determined power that set and kept the wheels in motion. Now the Ballet Russe has become almost a household word. Everybody who counts himself anybody has seen it. Its gorgeous scenic effects have been marveled at—its costumes have had more influence on fashion than perhaps any other stage production of this century.

Behind the wonderful costumes stands Bakst—Baskt, the inimitable, who seems to have a sixth sense of color possessed by no other artist of this or any other day. Bakst has taken the crude primary colors of the early Egyptians, the barbaric colors of the Orient, the splendid colors of the Byzantine era, and has splashed them about with apparent disregard for harmony—and has achieved effects that all the world is striving to copy. And he has set these colors against backgrounds of marvelous beauty; backgrounds for which he has borrowed the blues and green of the sea and the shadows in moonlit woods; the ambers and orange of the sunset; the rose-flush of dawn; the pearl tints of mists at sunrise, the silver glints of wraith-mists at twilight. And through all these colors he has woven jewels—glowing rubies, blazing sapphires, the still, cool green of emeralds, the yellow gleam of topaz, and always and ever pearls, pearls twisted in the hair, pearls wound around the throat and arms and waist, pearls hanging in loops and dangling in tassels—always pearls, whatever else in the way of gems! No wonder these Bakst costumes have set the world of dressmakers on fire to imitate their effects; and no wonder the Ballet Russe has had its influence on fashions.

A Modified Scheherezade Frock.

To anyone who has seen Miss Flora Revalles dance in Scheherezade it is not necessary to state that the Bakst costumes must be somewhat modified for conventional wearers. One may copy the Bakst colors—if one can!—and load on jewels ad libatum; but one could scarcely essay to wear Bakst "lines" in a respectable ball room. But the Scheherezade costume has had its influence in establishing the Moyenage waistline this winter and some of the dance frocks from authoritative couturiers hint at—mind, one says hint at, only—bifurcated skirts. Sometimes the filmy skirt is turned under with a bag-like hem which suggests the fullness of harem trousers; sometimes it is frankly divided into two parts. The Jenny frock of orchid satin and silver net, pictured today, has a bifurcated skirt; but over the full trousers of silver net fall two layers of orchid tulle, cut in the ordinary manner. Loops of crystal beads, falling heavily over the tulle skirt, reveal at times the divided character of the garment beneath.

The costume of Miss Flora Revalles is one of the notable costumes of the Ballet Russe. The tunic is of rose-colored silk, very soft and clinging and embroidered in Persian motifs with imitation rubies, emeralds and pearls. The trousers are of gathered gold tissue with pearl-edged slashes above and below the knee. A feature of the costume is the stomacher of jewel embroidery from which drop great tassels of pearls. There are pearl tassels also at the knees, and loops of pearls depend from arms and neck.

Persian Costumes Bring Paisley Shawls Into Favor.

Every woman who remembers that there is "that old Cashmere shawl of grandma's somewhere up garret," is making a mad search, these days, through trunks and boxes; and many a treasure is being brought to light. Some of the shawls are in perfect condition, just as they are, to be made into stunning evening wraps. Others that have attracted the moths—as these shawls do unless carefully safeguarded—will furnish long strips for scarves and dress trimmings. Pieces cut from the corners will make chic little hats or even motifs to be appliqued to frocks or the collars of children's coats. For even the children are wearing Paisley this winter if a rare old piece of shawl can be begged, borrowed or stolen by their ambitious mammas.

The Paisley wrap illustrated has just been evolved from a shawl almost a hundred years old—and the maker of the wrap has been clever enough not to cut up the heirloom very much. Beaver fur is the trimming and there is a fetching little hat of beaver with a crown-top of Paisley and some dull gold braid for ornament. A wrap made from one of these shawls must have the center of the shawl—always the handsomest part of the pattern—exactly between the shoulders at the back; and it requires some ingenuity to concoct a smart and graceful wrap without cutting up the shawl in reprehensible manner. Small pieces of the shawl make very smart collars and cuffs for wear with tailored frocks; or attractive hat and neckwear sets for dressy afternoon wear. A set of this kind will of course be eked out correctly with fur and the brown furs like beaver, seal and kolinsky look best with the rich Paisley colorings. There were several of these sets at the recent Fashion Show at the Ritz, an important fashion exhibition given in aid of children crippled by Infantile paralysis. There is a new silk on the market in the Paisley pattern and it is said that the manufacturers of textiles are paying enormous prices for Paisley shawls in order to obtain designs for reproduction. Bertha-Hermance has built a delightful afternoon frock of black satin on Moyenage lines; the sleeveless tunic of satin showing a long-sleeved guimpe of Paisley patterned silk beneath, while a broad sash of the gay silk, knotted at the back, draws in the loose tunic below the waist. Very narrow fringes of black fox edge the rounded neck, the sleeves, the tunic, and cover up the stitching of the hem in the skirt—though it need not be covered up, being sewed with silk as all good hems, in frocks of high distinction, must be.

Ruffles From The Ballet Russe.

"Carnival" is the episode which furnishes the ruffled frocks that have been imitated the world over. "Carnival" is quaintly Early Victorian—and of course all ruffles are more or less Early Victorian. The rose velvet and skunk evening cape pictured was inspired by a costume in the "Carnival" episode of the Serge de Diaghileff production and many, many are the tulle dance gowns that bear testimony to the fascination of this quaint Victorian fashion. It is said that the longer skirts, now coming in, in Paris, owe their arrival to the irresistible grace of the ankle-length white tulle skirts of the dancers in "Les Sylphides," another of the Ballet Russe episodes. Against a background of woodsy greens, flickering sunlight and shimmering moonbeams, the white-robed maids dance in ever-changing figures that seem like wreaths and garlands of white roses in a wonderful green light—if one may speak of maids as white-robed, who wear close little bodices of white satin and floating, ankle-length skirts of white tulle.

Headgear From The Ballet Russe.

A fashion that the Russian dancers have very definitely set is the Petrouchka hat. Two pictures of this hat are given; one the original cap, worn by the nurse in an episode of the Ballet and the other, the Petrouchka adapted by a fashionable milliner for winter wear. The adaptation is in black satin and gold embroidery; the original nurse's cap is of white velvet with embroidery of pearls and jewels. Around her throat this somewhat lavishly attired nurse wears two long strings of pearls, one short string of pearls, one string of black pearls, one string of garnets and one string of amethysts—all of these jewels it is to be presumed being imitations.

The Petrouchka hat has been reproduced also in black velvet, with pearl bead embroidery, and in colored portine, the waxed fabric with a reverse in satin or cloth which is so admirable for motor hats since the waxed surface is waterproof. A Petrouchka cap in dark blue pontine with motifs in Oriental effect stitched with red silk on the peaked front, is very good looking indeed.

Christmas Gleanings from the Crockery Department

IT IS a pity that the Christmas crockery has to be exhibited in the basement—in most department stores. Observing the solidly packed masses of humanity crowding the aisles of the main floor, many eyes filled with that hunted, "what-on-earth-shall-I-give-her" look, one feels that it is a pity that more gleaning is not done below stairs, where table after table is loaded with suggestions anent gift-selection.

The average woman would a good deal rather be presented with a dainty little pitcher that will serve for hot water, or cream or syrup, than a leather bound "gift-book" that will only clutter up the library table. Very likely there is another copy of the book on the library shelves; but no housekeeper is so rich in chinaware that she will not give welcome to another attractive bit for her pantry shelves. There is always the possibility at a "party" also, when half a dozen extra punch glasses or serving plates will come in handy, even though they might be a superfluity for everyday use.

Cheap and commonplace chinaware, no matter how showy, should never be selected for a Christmas remembrance. A small piece of quality will always "fit in" somewhere, sometime, in any household; but a big, ugly bowl or an atrocious lemonade set of colored glass will bring grief to the heart of the recipient, who dares not hide it away in the darkest recesses of the china closet for fear of offending the donor. Cut glass is rather a drug on the market just now and is almost as common as field daisies. Most housekeepers have all the cut glass they can possibly use and it would be unkind to inflict another piece upon them. If you are positive, however, that your friend is not overstocked with cut glass, you can pick up very good pieces, in the American cut, at moderate prices. For example, a handled jelly dish may be bought for about eighty cents; a long, narrow olive dish for about the same price; a small bowl for a dollar-fifty, and so on.

A set of six long-stemmed glasses for the serving of grape fruit cocktail or sherbet between courses at dinner, will cost about $1.20, and what hostess would not prefer such a set—if unpossessed of such glasses—than a $1.20 calendar, or pair of silk hose? Tall comports of the delicate Venetian glass etched in gold cost about a dollar and are charming for bonbons or small iced cakes on a luncheon or supper table. In the tray department choice is almost unlimited; and what housekeeper ever had too many trays? There are tea trays of wicker and of wood, some with glass bottoms over cretonne or tapestry; there are cocktail trays, with racks for the glasses, and without; there are metal trays to go under chafing dish and percolator; there are invalid trays and guest room breakfast trays. A delightful guest room tray is of cream lacquer with a gold-banded edge, to match the breakfast set of cream and gold china; and nothing has been forgotten. The guest who has her breakfast served to her in her room will breakfast daintily—and quite heartily enough, if she has concern for her figure lines. Here is the coffee pot holding just two cups of coffee; a very smart little coffee pot with its handle at one side in the French style. Here also, are jugs for cream and loaf sugar, a covered jug for hot water—or milk if the guest admits a predilection for milk by the jugfull o' mornings. The tea pot will be sent up instead of the coffee pot if one's guest is English and prefers tea for breakfast. Cup and saucer, egg-cup and plates for cereal and hot toast or muffins, complete the outfit.

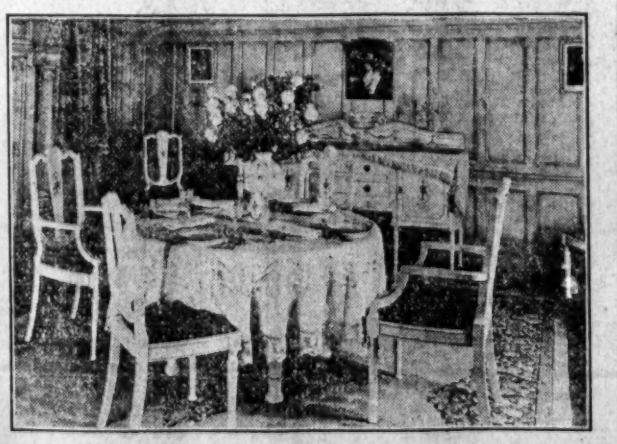
Separate muffin plates make acceptable gifts if a housekeeper is not already provided with such a comfort. The muffin plate is rather deep and has a rounded cover with several perforations for the escape of moisture so that the piping-hot, toasted dainties within may not become soggy. These muffin plates come in various attractive patterns and in all the wanted colors.

Basket cake plates make dainty gifts for friends who love to entertain at afternoon tea. A Japanese cake plate set in a wicker frame supported by a light curved handle costs about a dollar, and who could think of a prettier gift for a housewife? Chop plates are more expensive but a very smart one may be had for about a dollar-fifty—and one says "smart" with reference to a chop plate quite properly, for fashions come and go in articles of this sort and just now it is the thing to serve chops at luncheon from a round plate, a frame of green French peas encircling the trimmed, nicely grilled chops.

A more substantial gift would be a beautiful Dresden china tea set. This ware is really made in England, but the pattern is suggestive of old Dresden china, with its blurred pink rosebuds and lattice design in delicate blue. The square, squat outline of cups and tea service is favored by fashion just now. Belleek tea sets with their exquisite color and fragile egg-shell shapes are always prized by the housewives who own them. For a woman who likes to be very smart in her afternoon tea service, select a modern art tea set with black stripes and orange bands, the cups, teapot and jugs in the fashionable square shape. An addition to any gift tea set is a shallow filagree silver plate and two-prong fork for lemon slices.

The large illustration showing a table set for luncheon should offer several suggestions to the Christmas gift hunter. An extra set of service-plates is always valued by any hostess. These plates are sometimes very costly affairs and are not supposed to be eaten from. They fill up the bare spot on the tablecloth between courses and give the guest something to look at. They grace the board at the commencement of the meal, beneath the grape fruit glasses. Then the bullion cups are set upon them, and they may form a background for the entree ramekins later. They are removed with the coming of the substantial luncheon dish. The luncheon cloth, embroidered and lace trimmed offers a splendid gift suggestion; so do the luncheon napkins, each embroidered with a triangular monogram.

A Guest Room Breakfast Service In Cream And Gold With Nothing Forgotten —Not Even The Egg-Cup.



"Dining Room Fixings" Offer A Wealth Of Suggestions To The Gift Seeker At Christmas Tide.

Six May Enjoy Afternoon Tea From This Dainty Tea Set Of Flowered English Ware.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

SHARP ADVANCE IN COTTON

Peace Talk Enables Market to Recover Much of Recent Loss—Gain of 51 to 69 Points.

New York, Dec. 12.—Announcement that Germany was ready to open peace negotiations, was followed by a very sharp recovery in the cotton market here today. After selling at 17.50 yesterday, March advanced to 18.81 during the late trading or 70 points above last night's close. That delivery closed at 18.77 and the general list closed very steady at a net advance of 51 to 69 points for the day.

The market opened steady at a decline of 3 to 25 points. January sold at 17.70 and May at 18.18 on the call, but prices quickly rallied on the news from Berlin. A bulge of 35 to 37 points met renewed liquidation, but the market became very firm during the afternoon, being encouraged by the very bullish average of Southern spot advices. January sold up to 18.55 and May to 19.00, or 65 to 72 points net higher and 115 to 131 points above yesterday's low level.

The rally was accompanied by reports that spinners were calling cotton, but much of the day's buying was attributed to the stronger technical position after recent heavy liquidation.

	Open	High	Low	Close
Dec.	.....	17.60	18.44	17.50	18.42
Jan.	.....	17.72	18.55	17.70	18.52
March	.....	18.00	18.82	17.95	18.77
May	.....	18.20	19.02	18.18	18.96
July	.....	18.24	19.06	18.23	19.02
Oct.	.....	16.48	17.19	16.46	17.06

Spot cotton quiet; middling 18.36; sales 300 bales.

PORT MOVEMENT

New Orleans—Middling, 18.00; receipts, 13,527 males; stock, 466,966.

Galveston—Middling, 18.50; receipts, 14,778 bales; sales, 950; stock, 429,406.

Mobile—Middling, 18.00; receipts, 1,042 bales; stock, 13,317.

Savannah—Middling, 19.75; receipts, 3,904 bales; sales, 200; stock, 223,748.

Charleston—Middling, 19½; receipts, 660 bales; stock, 78,024.

Wilmington—Receipts, 113 bales; stock, 47,636.

Norfolk—Middling, 17.38; receipts, 2,492 bales; sales, 90; stock 113,219.

Baltimore—Stock, 5,415.

Boston—Middling, 18.00; receipts, 319 bales; exports, 1,501; stock, 8,300.

Philadelphia—18.60; receipts, 50 bales; stock, 601.

New York—Middling, 18.35; receipts, 40 bales; exports, 2,753; stock, 147,059.

Minor ports—Exports, 7,985; stock, 41,296.

Total today—Receipts, 35,925; exports, 12,149; stock, 1,574,987.

Total for week—Receipts, 113,550 bales; exports, 92,703.

Total for season—Receipts, 4,440,962 bales; exports, 2,708,473.

Interior Movement.

Houston—Middling, 18.50; receipts, 5,589 bales; shipments, 8,336; sales, 1,565; stock, 283,746.

Memphis—Middling, 19.75; receipts, 6,856 bales; shipments, 3,495; sales, 225; stock, 285,884.

Augusta—Middling, 19.63; receipts, 1,176 bales; shipments, 784; sales, 373; stock 147,867.

St. Louis—Middling, 19.75; receipts, 8,434 bales; shipments, 9,026; stock, 80,040.

Cincinnati—Receipts, 707 bales; shipments, 607; stock, 25,144.

Little Rock—Middling, 19.88; receipts, 11.39; shipments, 787; sales, 787; stock, 36,202.

Dallas—Middling, 18.00; sales, 1,414 bales.

Montgomery—Middling, 18.75.

Total today—Receipts, 24,201 bales; shipments, 23,035; stock, 808,893.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET

Liverpool, eDc. 12.—Cotton: Spot, weak; good middling, 11.16; middling, 11.06; low middling, 10.90; sales, 7,000; 700 for speculation and export; receipts, 16,000.

Futures barely steady.

Close: December, 10.80; December-January, 10.80; January-February, 10.84; March-April, 10.90; April-May, 11.05; May-June, 11.09; July-August, 11.08; August-September, 10.78; September-October, 10.36; October-November, 10.21; November-December, 10.13.

SAVANNAH NAVAL STORES

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 12.—Turpentine, firm, 52½; sales, 63; receipts, 429; shipments, 133; stock, 23,203.

Rosin firm; sales, 1,301; receipts, 3,242; shipments, 2,646; stock, 96,456. Quote: A, B, C, D, E, 5.20; F, 6.25; G, H, I, 6.30; K, 6.40; M, 6.50; N, 6.85; W. G., 7.00; W. W., 7.20.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

Bulge of Over $3.00 a Bale in the Market—40 to 65 Points Gain.

New Orleans, Dec. 12.—A bulge of more than $3.00 a bale on the strongest future months came in the cotton market here today, as the result of heavy buying which developed after the noon hour. The market at its best stood 43 to 66 points over yesterday's close and last prices were firm at a net gain of 40 to 65 points.

The refusal of Southern spots to follow the decline in futures, heavy buying of contracts by spot firms and an oversold future market were the main reasons for the advance. Peace proposals by Germany also contributed to the late firmness, although they were not given as much attention as they seemed to deserve and during the morning were practically ignored.

Opening prices were off 12 to 15 points, but soon made a complete recovery. On the news of Germany's proposals the market lost about 10 points, apparently in sympathy with the wheat and stock markets. This was followed by a recovery but at noon the market stood practically at yesterday's last prices. In the afternoon the market suddenly developed great activity and firmness and prices immediately responded.

Spot quotations declined 163 points to 18 cents for middling, but this was simply in the nature of a revision to meet the decline of the last few days in futures and no sales were reported at the new prices.

Closing bid: December 18.00; January 18.01; March 18.30; May 18.58; July 18.75; October 16.69.

Spot cotton 163 points off; sales on the spot none; to arrive none; middling 18.00.

WHEAT SALES NEAR FRANTIC

Germany's Offer of Peace Smashes Prices, in Some Cases Loss of Over 11 Cents Being Recorded.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Germany's offer today to make peace smashed the wheat market. Selling became almost frantic, especially after what purported to be the main points of the offer were learned. Prices fell in some cases 11¼c a bushel and closed wild at 165½ to 165¾ for May and 142¾ to 143 for July, with the market as a whole 4¼ to 10¾ under yesterday's finish. Corn lost 2½ to 2¾ net and oats 3¼ to 3 ¼. In provisions the outcome was a rise of 5 to 55. Close:

Wheat—May, 165½; July, 142¾.
Corn—May, 89¾; July, 89½.
Oats—May, 52⅝; July, 50.
Pork—January, 26.72; May, 26.17.
Lard—January, 16.25; May, 16.25.
Ribs—January, 13.87; May, 14.22.
Cash grain:
Wheat—No. 2 red, nominal; No. 3 red, 165; No. 2 hard, 171¼@171½; No. 3 hard nominal.
Corn—No 2 yellow, 91¼@91¼; No. 4 yellow, 87½@90; No. 4 white, 88½@89½.

MARINE.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Steamers.

Str. Nicaria (Ger.), 3,383 tons, Hollasch, Heide & Co.

Str Kiel (Ger.), 2,372 tons, Lemke, Heide & Co.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

(Quoted Daily by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 12.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—50c.

ROSIN—$5.70 and $5.45.

TAR—$2.60-10½c.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—$4.00, $4.00 and $3.90.

Quotations same day last year—Spirit sturpentine, 51c; rosin, $5.70 and $5.45; tar, $2.30-9 1-2c; crude turpentine, $3.75, $3.75, $2.75.

RECEIPTS:

Spirits turpentine .. .. —
Rosin .. .. —
Tar 15
Crude turpentine 10

Receipts same day last year—Spirits turpentine, 14; barrels; rosin, 128 barrels; tar, 516 barrels; crude turpentine, 18 barrels.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Nominal; quotation same day last year, 11c.

Receipts—109 bales; same day last year, 117 bales.

Total receipts since August 1 to date, 70,335 bales.

Total receipts to same date last year, 131,417 bales.

BY RIVER AND RAIL

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at This Port Yesterday.

December 12, 1916.

A. C. L.—Cotton, 109 bales; tar, 15 barrels; crude turpentine, 10 casks.

Total—Cotton, 109 bales; tar, 15 barrels; crude turpentine, 10 casks.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 12.)

SWEET POTATOES—Yams, new, 50c to 55c. bushel.

IRISH POTATOES—$1.40 to $1.50 per bu.

CORN—$2.10 per sack.

BEEF—Native dressed, 9c. to 10c.

PORK—Small, 10c. to 12c. per pound.

WOOL—Burry, 20 to 22½; first class wool, 28 to 35; highest grade, washed wool, 38c.

SHEEP—Old, good quality, gross, 2 1-2 to 3c pound. Lambs, best quality, 6 to 7c pound.

HIDES—Green salt, 15c. to 16c.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON — Old hams, 23 to 25c.; sides and shoulders, 18c. to 19c. per lb.; good demand.

BEESWAX — Firm, 28c. per pound; good demand.

POULTRY—Turkeys, 20c. to 22½c. on foot; dressed, 25c. to 27½c. lb.; chickens, grown, 45c to 50c; spring, 20c to 25c head.

EGGS—35c. to 36c. dozen.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Dec. 12.—North Carolina peanuts; new crop, farmers stock, fancy handpicked, $1.07; No. 1, machine, $1.00 per bushel.

Virginia peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, Jumbos, 66c; fancy handpicked, 60c; No. 1 machine picked, 55c.

Spanish peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, No. 1, small, machine picked, $1.25; Jumbos, $1.20 per bushel.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 12.—Spanish—Farmers' stock: Market, steady. New stock, $1.35 per bu.

Virginias — Farmers' stock: Market firm.

New stock—Fancy Jumbo, 4 1-4c per lb.; Extra Prime, 3 3-4c per lb; Prime, 3 1-2c per lb; Shelling stock, 3c to 3 1-4c per lb.

COTTON SEED OI LMARKET

New York, Dec. 12.—The cotton seed oil market was sharply higher on German peace proposals, heavy short covering and fresh outside buying on the strength in lard and cotton. The close was steady, 20 to 35 points net higher; sales, 55,300 bushels. Spot, 12.40 bid; December, 12.40@12.60; January, 12.43@12.45; February, 12.28@12.35; March, 12.30@12.32; April, 12.33@12.35; May, 12.34@12.37; June, 12.35@12.42; July, 12.43@12.46.

DRY GOODS MARKET

New York, Dec. 12.—Cotton goods and yarns were quiet today with little or no change in mill positions. Men's wear tended higher. Satins and chiffons in silk were scarce for quick delivery.

NEW YORK PROVISIONS.

New York, Dec. 12.—Raw sugar, easy; centrifugal, 5.51; molasses, 4.64; refined, quiet.

Coffee—Spot, quiet; Rio 7s, 9¼; Santas 4s, 10⅝.

Dan'l Green Felt Slippers, all colors. Wilmington Shoe Co.
(advertisement.)

TUMULT IN STOCK MARKET

Tentonic Peace Proposals Cause Avalanche of Selling—"War Brides" Affected Worst.

New York, Dec. 12.—The stock market was thrown into a state of convulsion today on the news that the Central Powers had instituted peace negotiations. The avalanche of selling more than taxed the market's powers of absorption. Important stocks fell away 5 to 10 points and Bethlehem Steel, foremost of the "war bride," made an extreme loss of 27 points.

Rails were the only shares to manifest any degree of resistance, although in that quarter losses of 2 to 3 points were numerous ,with 3 1-2 for Reading. The heavy liquidation which was at its flood in the last hour at which time te tickers were 20 minutes behind actual operations.

Short covering in some instances eased final prices but rallies were no more than nominal. Many weak margined accounts were thrown over and "stop loss" orders constituted a large part of the day's business.

Total sales amounted to 2,443,700 harss, the largest amount since the re-opening of the exchange in December, 1914. Furthe demoralization in rates of exchange to Germany and Austria, with a fall to another minimum in Anglo-French bonds were partly rectified before the close.

The Western Union Telegraph Company declared an extra dividend of 1 per cent. on the Allis Chalmers Company ordered the payment of another deferred dividend amounting to 1 1-2 per cent. accruing to preferred stock.

Domestic bonds were heavy to weak. Total sales par value $5,575,000.

United States bonds unchanged on call.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST

Allis-Chalmers	29⅞
American Beet Sugar	98¼
American Can	55¼
American Car and Foundry	81½
American Cotton Oil	51⅜
American Locomotive	85⅝
American Smelting	108
American Sugar	112⅜
American Tel. and Tel.	125⅛
American Tobacco	218
American Zinc	50
Anaconda Copper	87
Atchison	103⅝
Atlantic Coast Line	120
Baldwin Locomotive	73½
Baltimore and Ohio	84⅛
Btehlehem Steel	599
Canadian Pacific	164¼
Central Leather	101½
Chesapeake and Ohio	63¼
Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul	91½
Chicago, R. I. and Pac. Ry	36
Colorado Fuel and Iron	51½
Consolidated Gas	133¼
Corn Produces	23¾
Crucible Steel	75⅝
Cuba Cane Sugar	56
Erie	35⅛
General Electric	174
Great Northern, pfd.	116⅝
Great Northern Ore Ctfs	39¼
Goodrich	66⅝
Illinois Central	104
Inspiration Copper	62
Int. Mer. Meraine, pfd.	112½
International Nickel	43½
International Paper	55
Kansas City Southern	25⅛
Kennecott Copper	51¼
Lehigh Valley	79½
Louisville and Nashville	130
Liggett and Meyers, bid	275
Lorillard Co., bid	227
Maxwell Motors	65
Mexican Petroleum	101
National Lead	62¾
New York Central	104½
N. Y., N. H. and Hartford	51½
Norfolk and Western	134⅝
Northern Pacific	109⅜
Pennsylvania	56
Ray Consolidated Copper	29⅛
Reading	105
Rep. Iron and Steel	80⅛
Seaboard Air Line	16
Seaboard Air Line, pfd.	38
Sloss Shef. Steel and Iron	73
Studebaker Corporation	117¼
Southern Pacific	96⅝
Routhern Railway	28½
Southern Railway, pfd	67¾
Tennessee Copper, bid.	20
Texas Co.	196½
Union Pacific	142⅜
United Fruit	154⅞
United States Rubber	65⅛
United States Steel	118¼
United States Steel, pfd.	121
Utah Copper	114
Virginia-Carolina Chemical	45½
Wabash, pfd. "B"	30
Western Union	100½
Westinghouse Electric	56¼
Missouri Pacific W. I	33½

Total sales for the day 2,443,700 shares.

NEW YORK MONEY MARKET

New York, Dec. 12.—Mercantile paper, 4¾@4¼; sterling, sixty-day bills, 4.71½; commercial 60-day bills on banks 4.71¼; ommercial sixty-day bills, 4.71; demand, 4.75½. Sables, 4.76 7-16. Bar silver, 76; Mexican dollars, 58⅝. Government bonds steady; railroad bonds weak. Time loans firm; sixty and ninety-days and six months, 4@4½. Call money firm, ruling rate 6.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Hogs—Weak, 10c under yesterday's average. Bulk, 9.55@10.00; light, 9.00@9.80; mixed, 9.40@10.10; heavy, 9.50@10.15; rough, 9.50@9.65; pigs, 6.90@8.85.

Cattle—Steady. Native beef cattle, 7.00@12.80; western stears, 7.00@10.50; stockers, 2.60@7.65; cows and heifers, 3.85@10.25; calves, 9.50@12.75.

Sheep—Firm. Wethers, 8.70@9.60; ewes, 5.15@9.60; lambs, 10.50@13.25.

COTTON ADVANCES OVER $3.00 A BALE FOR STRONGEST MONTHS

Large Demand for Contracts Causes Firmness to Develop in Market.

New Orleans, Dec. 12.—Great firmness developed in cotton here this afternoon when the market felt a sudden large demand for contracts from the short sellers of yesterday. Prices were lifted 43 to 66 points—more than $3.25 a bale on the strongest months — over yesterday's close. Last prices were at a net gain of 40 to 65 points.

German peace proposals did not notably affect this market. Immediately after its receipts the market fell about ten points but this was followed by an upturn of twenty points. Reports of a strong spot situation appeared to be the inspiration of the sudden buying.

THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

December 13, 1916.

Meteorological data for the day ending at 8 P. M., yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 47 degrees; at 8 P. M. 42 degrees; maximum, 50 degrees; minimum, 42 degrees; mean, 46 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .19 inch; rainfall fo rthe month, to date, .19 inch.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at aFyetteville at 8 A. M. yesterday, 2.9 feet.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina—Fair Wednesday and Thursday without decided change in temperature.

The Port Calendar, Dec. 13, 1916.

Sun rises .....7:09 A. M.
Sun sets .. .. 5:04 P. M.
Day's length .. .. 9 hrs. 55 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water. A.M.	P.M.	Low water. A.M.	P.M.
Wilmington 12:13	12:00	7:13	7:52
Southport 10:09	10:19	4:04	4:43
Masonboro Inlet. 9:58	10:08	2:44	4:28

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS

December 13, 1916.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature: Highest today.	Lowest Last night.	Precipitation at 8 P.M.
Abilene . . .	clear	56	28	0
Asheville . .	clear	38	30	0
Atlanta . . .	clear	38	30	0
Augusta . . .	clear	46	33	.80
Baltimore . .	clear	40	—	.44
Birmingham .	clear	42	28	0
Boston . . .	cldy	40	34	.72
Charleston ..	clear	60	48	.06
Charlotte . .	clear	42	28	.84
Chicago ..	snowing	28	26	.06
Galveston ..	clear	54	38	0
Jacksonville..	clear	54	—	.16
Memphis . . .	clear	40	24	0
Mobile.	clear	50	36	.06
Montgomery. .	clear	50	36	.06
New York ..	clear	38	34	.58
Oklahoma.....	cldy	46	18	0
Palestine. . .	clear	56	26	0
Pittsburg..	snowing	32	32	.02
Raleigh	lear	44	40	.84
Savannah . .	clear	50	46	.14
Shreveport ..	clear	54	26	0
St. Louis . .	lcear	30	20	.02
Washington ..	lear	38	34	.40

NEW YORK LIVE STOCK

New York, Dec. 12.—Beeves, no trading. Calves, steady. Ohio veals, 10.00@14.00.

Sheep and lambs—Firm. Prime Ohio lambs, 13.75.

Hogs—No trading.

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Arrivals and Departures of Trains at Wilmington. Effective Nov. 12, 1916. Time Not Guaranteed.

DEPARTURES	TO AND FROM	ARRIVALS
No. 90 3:40 A. M. Daily except Sunday.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad.	No. 91 1:15 A. M. Daily except Monday.
No. 51 5:30 A. M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia open to receive outbound passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied, inbound, until 7:00 A. M.	No. 50 12:20 A. M. Daily.
No. 64 5:15 A. M. Mon., Wed. and Fri. only.	Jacksonville, New Bern and Intermediate stations.	No. 65 6:15 P. M. Mon., Wed. and Fri. only.
No. 48 8:00 A. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington. **Parlor cars between Wilmington and Norfolk, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains having Pullman service.**	No. 49 6:05 P. M. Daily.
No. 53 8:45 A. M. Daily.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 52 8:00 P. M. Daily.
No. 62 2:05 P. M. Daily.	Jacksonville, New Bern and intermediate stations.	No. 63 12:30 P. M. Daily.
No. 55 3:45 P. M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Florence, Columbia, Augusta, Atlanta and the West. Charleston, Savannah and all Florida points. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta. **Sleeping cars daily between Florence and Columbia,** which may be occupied at Columbia until 7:00 A. M.	No. 54 12:50 P. M. Daily.
No. 59 6:30 P. M. Tuesday, Thursday and Sat. only.	Fayetteville and intermediate stations.	No. 60 10:15 A. M. Tuesday, Thursday and Sat. only.
No. 42 6:45 P. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York Trains, carrying dining cars; also Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41 9:50 A. M. Daily.

For folders, reservations, rates of fares, etc., call 'phone 160.

W. J. CRAIG, Passenger Traffic Manager. T. C. WHITE, General Passenger Agent.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

IN EFFECT DECEMBER 4 1916.

WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE, WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH

WEEK DAYS

EASTBOUND: Leave "Electric Centre" for Winter Park	Leave "Electric" Centre for Wrightsville	Leave "Electric Centre" for Beach	WESTBOUND: Leave Beach for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington
6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	.....	6:15 A.M.	6:26 A.M.
6:50 A.M.	6:50 A.M.	.....	7:40 A.M.	7:20 A.M.	7:31 A.M.
8:00 A.M.	8:00 A.M.	.....	.....	7:50 A.M.	8:01 A.M.
8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	9:15 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	8:41 A.M.
10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:45 A.M.	9:25 A.M.	9:36 A.M.
11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	12:15 P.M.	10:55 A.M.	11:06 A.M.
1:10 P.M.	1:10 P.M.	*1:10 P.M.	11:45 P.M.	12:25 P.M.	12:36 P.M.
1:55 P.M.	1:55 P.M.	.....	.....	1:50 P.M.	2:01 P.M.
2:30 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	.....	.....	2:25 P.M.	2:36 P.M.
3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	.....	3:00 P.M.	3:11 P.M.
3:30 P.M.	.....	.....	3:45 P.M.	3:25 P.M.	3:50 P.M.
4:10 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	.....	4:06 P.M.
4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	.....	.....	4:30 P.M.
4:50 P.M.	.....	.....	5:15 P.M.	5:25 P.M.	5:10 P.M.
5:30 P.M.	5:30 P.M.	.....	.....	6:00 P.M.	5:36 P.M.
6:10 P.M.	6:10 P.M.	.....	.....	6:40 P.M.	6:11 P.M.
6:40 P.M.	6:40 P.M.	*6:40 P.M.	17:15 P.M.	7:20 P.M.	6:51 P.M.
7:15 P.M.	7:15 P.M.	.....	.....	7:55 P.M.	7:31 P.M.
8:15 P.M.	8:15 P.M.	.....	.....	8:45 P.M.	8:06 P.M.
9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	10:00 P.M.	10:10 P.M.	8:56 P.M.
10:15 P.M.	10:15 P.M.	.....	.....	10:45 P.M.	10:21 P.M.
11:15 P.M.	11:15 P.M.	.....	.....	11:45 P.M.	10:56 P.M.
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*Does not go beyond Station No. 3 on Beach. !Leaves from Station No. 3

SUNDAYS

EASTBOUND: Leave "electric Center." for Winter Park	Leave "electric Center." for Wrightsville	Leave "electric Center." for Beach	WESTBOUND: Leave Beach for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington
6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	*6:30 A.M.	17:05 A.M.	7:15 A.M.	7:26 A.M.
8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	9:15 A.M.	9:25 A.M.	9:36 A.M.
10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	.....	10:20 A.M.	10:31 A.M.
11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	10:45 A.M.	10:55 A.M.	11:06 A.M.
1:00 P.M.	1:00 P.M.	1:00 P.M.	12:15 P.M.	12:25 P.M.	12:36 P.M.
2:00 P.M.	2:00 P.M.	2:00 P.M.	1:45 P.M.	1:55 P.M.	2:06 P.M.
2:30 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	2:45 P.M.	2:55 P.M.	3:06 P.M.
3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	3:15 P.M.	3:25 P.M.	3:36 P.M.
3:30 P.M.	3:30 P.M.	3:30 P.M.	3:45 P.M.	3:55 P.M.	4:06 P.M.
4:00 P.M.	4:00 P.M.	4:00 P.M.	4:15 P.M.	4:25 P.M.	4:36 P.M.
4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	4:45 P.M.	4:55 P.M.	5:06 P.M.
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5:30 P.M.	5:30 P.M.	.....	5:45 P.M.	5:55 P.M.	6:06 P.M.
6:10 P.M.	6:10 P.M.	.....	.....	6:00 P.M.	6:11 P.M.
6:40 P.M.	6:40 P.M.	*6:40 P.M.	.....	6:40 P.M.	6:51 P.M.
7:15 P.M.	7:15 P.M.	.....	.....	7:20 P.M.	7:31 P.M.
8:15 P.M.	8:15 P.M.	.....	.....	7:55 P.M.	8:06 P.M.
9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	.....	8:45 P.M.	8:56 P.M.
10:15 P.M.	10:15 P.M.	.....	10:00 P.M.	10:10 P.M.	10:21 P.M.
11:15 P.M.	11:15 P.M.	.....	.....	10:45 P.M.	10:56 P.M.
.....	.....	.....	.....	11:45 P.M.	11:56 P.M.

*Does not go beyond Station No. 3 on Beach. !Leaves from Station No. 3

FREIGHT SCHEDULE (DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.)

Leave Ninth and Orange Streets, 3:30 P. M.
Freight Depot Open from 2:30 to 3:30 P. M.

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ARRIVAL OF TRAINS AT WILMINGTON:
No. 14—12:30 P. M.—Train from Charlotte and Intermediate Points. PULLMAN PARLOR CAR BETWEEN CHARLOTTE AND WILMINGTON.
No. 20—12:10 A. M.—Train from Charlotte and Intermediate Points. SLEEPING CAR BETWEEN CHARLOTTE AND WILMINGTON. PASSENGERS MAY REMAIN IN SLEEPER UNTIL 7:00 A. M.
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Birmingham	$24.20
Charleston	38.15
Chattanooga	$22.33
Cincinnati	$27.05
Columbia	$8.05
Fayetteville	$3.75
Florence	$4.75
Fort Myers	$33.15
Jacksonville	$19.85
Memphis	$34.85
Miami	$37.50
Nashville .. .

PEACE PROPOSALS REGARDED AS PAVING WAY FOR OFFER OF MEDIATION BY THE NEUTRALS

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does not desire conquest. I cannot say anything about the terms."

Cause of the Movement.

Germany, it is said here, was moved to bring out the peace proposal at this time principally because she had given up hope that President Wilson would make a move and because of the recent crisis in the British government and the reorganization of the governmeht in France. One of the principal objects, however, was to force a "show down" and draw from the Entente Allies some indication of whether they are disposed to make peace now or whether they are determined to crush Germany and dismember her.

How the Allies Look at It.

Diplomats of the Entente Allies here regard the peace offer as having the double purpose of placing upon the Allies the responsibility for continuing the war, and of impressing upon the German people that they are fighting a defensive conflict against enemies who refuse quarter.

Based on information from their home governments the Entente diplomats believe Germany's terms are in general about as follows:

Restoration of Belgium, but with conditions which would practically leave it under German control and probably give over the port of Antwerp to Germany.

Restoration of the occupied portions of northern France but with economic control which would guarantee to Germany supplies of iron and other raw materials drawn from there.

Domination of Mesopotamia by Germany and Austria, to give them a path to the Persian gulf and break England's gateway to India and Egypt.

To award to Bulgaria all of Serbia as far south as Nish, which would take from Serbia as much territory as she gained in the Balkan wars. They expect Germany will demand the return of her African colonies or at least propose to exchange them for French colonies.

Turkey's interests are considered a minor affair and not fully developed in consideration of peace.

The attitude of the Balkan nations of the Germanic allies, it is expected, will be set forth in the notes which have been dispatched from Sofia and Constantinople.

Delay Diplomatic Issues.

One immediate effect of the peace developments upon the United States will be to hold practically in abeyance all the diplomatic issues pending with the

In German quarters here it is believed that any sort of an armistice during a discussion of peace would be out of the question, because this is an economic as well as military war.

However, the Central Powers, it is said, expect all neutrals to encourage peace talk.

So far as has been disclosed no intimations reached the American government forecasting the action of the Central Powers. Today a dispatch sent from Berlin Sunday night to the German embassy announced the intention of the government to make public peace proposals "probably Tuesday." This was taken to indicate that the move had been decided upon Saturday or Sunday and probably after Emperor Williams' five-hour conference with General Von Hindenburg.

warring countries.

ed that

a demand for material changes in the protocol, such as foreshadowed by the reported determination of Carranza to insist unconditionally upon the retirement of American troops from Mexico, would mean immediate abandonment of the conferences.

Mr. Pani is expected here tomorrow night to confer with the other Mexican commissioners.

CARRANZA'S ACTION TO BE MADE KNOWN ON DECEMBER 18

Next Meeting of Joint Commission Will be Held in Philadelphia.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Carranza's action on the protocol signed at Atlantic City by the Mexican-American joint commission will be submitted to the American commissioners by the Mexican members at Philadelphia, December 18. Upon the nature of the report of Alberto J. Pani, who carried the protocol to Carranza for his signature, will depend whether the conferences are to continue in a further effort to adjust all questions at issue between the United States and the de facto government.

Arrangements for the next meeting were approved by President Wilson at today's cabinet meeting. Neither Secretary Lansing nor Secretary Lane, who heads the American commissioners, could say whether Carranza had signed the protocol, having been informed by the Mexican members only that the text of their first chief's comments on the protocol would be submitted in Philadelphia.

Officials here are inclined, however, to credit unofficial reports that instead of affixing his signature, Carranza has proposed changes in the agreement and it is feared that his attitude may nullify all of the work of the commission and cause further complications.

It was indicated clearly tonight that

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HOLLWEG SAYS TERMS OF THE TEUTONS WILL GIVE LASTING PEACE

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perial government declares itself ready to enter into peace negotiations. The Austro-Hungarian, Turkish and Bulgarian governments also have sent similar notes.

"The reasons which prompted Germany and her allies to take this step are manifest. For two years and a half a terrible war has been devastating the European continent. Unlimited treasures of civilization have been destroyed. Extensive areas have been soaked with blood. Millions of brave soldiers have fallen in battle and millions have returned home as invalids. Grief and sorrow fill almost every house.

"Not only upon the belligerent nations, but also upon neutrals the destructive consequences of the gigantic struggle weigh heavily. Trade and commerce, carefully built up in years of peace, have been depressed. The best forces of the nations have been withdrawn from the production of useful objects. Europe, which formerly was devoted to propagation of religion and civilization, which was trying to find solutions for social problems and was the home of science and art, and all peaceful labor, now resembles an immense war camp in which the achievements and works of many decades are doomed to annihilation.

"Germany is carrying on a war of defense against her enemies, which aim at her destruction. She fights to assure the integrity of her frontiers and the liberty of the German nation, for the right which she claims to develop freely her intellectual and economic energies in peaceful co-operation and on an equal footing with other nations. All the efforts of their enemies are unable to shatter the heroic armies of the (Teutonic) allies, which protect the frontiers of their countries, strengthened by the certainty that the enemy shall never pierce the iron wall.

"Those fighting on the front know that they are supported by the whole nation, which is inspired by love for its country and is ready for the greatest sacrifices and determined to defend to the last extremity the inherited treasure of intellectual and economic work and the social organization and sacred soil of the country.

"Certain of our own strength, but realizing Europe's sad future if the war continues; seized with pity in the face of the unspeakable misery of humanity, the German Empire, in accord with her allies, solemnly repeats what the chancellor already has declared a year ago, that Germany is ready to give peace to the world by setting before the whole world the question whether or no it is possible to find a basis for an understanding.

"Since the first day of the pontificial reign His Holiness, the Pope, has unswervingly demonstrated, in the most generous fashion, his solicitude for the innumerable victims of this war. He has alleviated the sufferings and ameliorated the fate of thousands of men injured by this catastrophe. Inspired by the exalted ideas of his ministry, his holiness has seized every opportunity in the interest of humanity to end so sanguinary a war.

"The imperial government is firmly confident that the initiative of the four powers will find friendly welcome on the part of his holiness and that the work of peace can count upon the precious support of the Holy See."

SENATE ADOPTS AMENDMENT TO THE IMMIGRATION BILL

Would Bar Hindus and Certain Other Asiatics Without Mentioning Name.

Washington, Dec. 12.—After another day of debate over the exclusion of aliens on account of race, the Senate late today adopted the committee amendment to the Immigration bill which would bar Hindus and certain other Asiatics, without mentioning them by name, with an added provision stipulating that nothing in the act shall be construed to repeal any existing law, treaty or agreement which serves to prohibit or restrict immigration.

This added stipulation is designed to replace the direct reference to the so-called "gentlemen's agreement" with Japan, which was stricken out of the House bill by the Senate committee at the request of the State Department.

Senator Reed's amendment to exclude African blacks from the United States was defeated by a vote of 32 to 37. When the Senate adjourned there was pending another amendment by Senator Reed to exclude all persons who come to the United States for temporary employment as laborers, intending to return to their native land.

ROCKY MOUNT WANTS PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Expects to Sell Hundred Thousand Seals to Pay Expenses.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 12.—Rocky Mount is the first town to make a report on the sale of Red Cross seals. By Thanksgiving, 50,000 seals had been disposed of, and, according to Mrs. H. M. Finch, chairman of the health department of the Woman's Club of Rocky Mount, it is expected that another 50,000 will be sold before Christmas. This will make a total sale of 100,000 seals at a money value of $1,000. It is understood that this town wants a public health nurse and that the proceeds derived from the sale of seals will go to pay the expenses of such a nurse.

"To secure a public health nurse," says the State Board of Health, "should be the goal of every town or community having a population of 3,000 or over. One of the best means found for securing a nurse is by selling Red Cross seals. In this way the burden is more equally divided and the responsibility shared."

SUFFRAGISTS ARE HEARD BY TWO HOUSE COMMITTEES

Urge Suffrage Amendment and Passage of the Keating Bill.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Headed by Miss Jane Addams a delegation of the Woman's Peace Party was heard today before the House Judiciary committee, urging the Susan B. Anthony amendment for suffrage, and before the Foreign Affairs committee urged favorable report on the Keating bill for an international commission to pave the way for good relations between Japan, China and the United States.

Universal suffrage, the women told the Judiciary committee, would hasten world peace. When Miss Addams referred to the "splendid vote" women had given to President Wilson which she traced in part to his stand for peace, Miss Ann Martin, chairman of the party and who opposed the President because of his stand on suffrage, demurred. Miss Addams, however, firmly declined to permit her to address the committee.

SECURITY OF THE TEUTONS IS MORE SURE THAN EVER

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plies, but now our safety is beyond question.

Heroic Deeds by Submarines.

"To these great events on land heroic deeds of equal importance are added by our submarines. The spectre of famine, which our enemies intended to appear before us, now pursues them without mercy. When, after the termination of the first year of the war, the emperor addressed the nation in a public appeal, he said:

"'Having witnessed such great events, my heart was filled with awe and determination.'

"'Neither our emperor nor our nation ever changed their minds in this respect. Neither have they now. The genius and heroic acts of our leaders have fashioned these facts as firm as iron. If the enemy counted upon the weariness of his enemy, then he was deceived.

"The reichstag, by means of the national auxiliary war service law, helped to build a new offensive and defensive but worked in the midst of the great struggle. Behind the great fighting army stands the nation at work—the gigantic force of the nation at work for the common aim.

Resources Inexhaustible.

"The empire is not a besieged fortress, as our adversies imagined, but one gigantic and firmly disciplined camp with inexhaustible resources. That is the German empire, which is firmly and faithfully united with its brothers-in-arms, who have been tested in battle under Austro-Hungarian, Turkish and Bulgarian flags. Our enemies now ascribed to us a plan to conquer the whole world and then desperate cries of anquish for peace. But not confused by these asseverations, we progressed with firm decision, and we thus continue our progress, always ready to defend ourelves and fight for our nation's existence, for its free future, and always ready for this price to stretch out our hands for peace.

"Our strength has not made our ears deaf to our responsibilities before God, before our own nation and before humanity. The declarations formerly made by us concerning our readiness for peace were evaded by our adversaries. Now we have advanced one step further in this direction.

"'On August 1, 1914, the emperor had personally to take the gravest decision which ever fell to the lot of a German—the order for mobilization—which he was compelled to give as a result of the Russian mobilization. During these long and earnest years of the war, the emperor has been moved by a single thought: How peace could be restored to safeguard Germany after the struggle in which she has fought victoriously.

"'Nobody can testify better to this than I, who bear the responsibility for all actions of the government. In a deep moral and religious sense of duty towards his nation and beyond it towards humanity, the emperor now considers that the moment has come for official action towards peace.

Note to All Hostile Powers.

"His majesty, therefore, in complete harmony and in common with our allies decided to propose to the hostile powers to enter into peace negotiations. This morning I transmitted a note to this effect to all the hostile powers, through the representatives of those powers which are watching over our interests and rights in the hostile states. I asked the representatives of Spain, the United States and Switzerland to forward that note.

"The same procedure has been adopted today in Vienna, Constantinople and Sofia. Other neutral states and His Holiness, the Pope, have been similarly informed.'"

ATHLETIC OFFICERS ELECTED

At Meeting of A. & M. College Athletic Association.

(Special Star Correspondence).

West Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 12.—At a recent meeting of the athletic association of the A. & M. College, Adolph T. Hartman, of Charlotte, was elected president of the association, and E. F. Lewis, of Greensboro, was elected manager of the 1917 football team.

The following are the other officers of the association: Vice President, Henry Haywood, of Mount Gilead; secretary-treasurer, H. B. Robertson, of Asheville. P. W. Pressly, of Florida, and T. M. Gregory were elected as assistant managers of the football team.

SUMNER PASSENGERS LANDED

All Aboard United States Transport Which Grounded Were Rescued.

New York, Dec. 12.—All of the passengers on the United States transport Sumner, which went aground late last night oq Barnegat, N. J., were brought here tonight. Fourteen men and eight children, who were taken ashore in life boats, arrived on a special train, while ten officers of the Tenth infantry with 190 enlisted men, were brought in by the coast guard cutter Mohawk.

The coast guard cutter Seneca, with a wrecking tug, will attempt to float the transport at flood tide tonight. No anxiety apparently is felt for the safety of the vessel.

ASKS MORE PAY FOR SAILORS.

Daniels Recommends Increase of $5 a Month to Enlisted Men.

Washington, Dec. 12.—An increase of $5 a month in the pay of every enlisted man in the Navy was recommended by Secretary Daniels today to the House naval committee. It would add $3,000,000 a year to the pay roll. Enlistments are on the increase, Mr. Daniels said, in disapproving a proposal for a bonus to stimulate the enlistment campaign.

BASKETBALL IS AGAIN UNDER WAY AT THE UNIVERSITY.

Chapel Hill, N. C., Dec. 12.—Basketball is now once more under way at the University of North Carolina, and though no intercollegiate games will be staged until after the holidays, the class games and general practice will go on daily. The old Commons, which has now been turned into a basketball arena, resounds each afternoon to the tread of hurrying feet. Coach Howell Peacock is gradually getting a line on his material for this year, and it now seems likely that he will put out a good team. Coach Peacock is credited with putting basketball on the map at the University of Georgia, and because of his former great success there it is expected that he will put out a winning quint.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 12.—The British auxiliary schooner Grilse sent out wireless distress signals tonight from a point seven miles south of Liverpool, N. S., saying that she was in a sinking condition. Steamers were dispatched to her assistance from Shelbourne, N. S., and the call was answered also by a number of more distant vessels.

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PEACE PROPOSALS ALMOST DEMORALIZE STOCK MARKET

Numerous Speculative Issues Undergo Severe Losses.

New York, Dec. 1.—Unsettlement bordering upon demoralization overtook the stock market today on annouuncement of peace overtures by Germany and her allies. Losses of 5 to 10 points were sustained by such speculative issues as Uniod States Steel, Crucible Steel, New York Air Brake, Utah Copper, Central Leather, International Paper and American Locomotive, while Bethlehem Steel declined 27 points, Gulf States Steel 19, and United States Industrial Alcohol 13.

Wall Street, particularly the banking intereats, several days ago received an inkling that developments of paramount importance were proceeding in Berlin, but today's advices far exceeded any forecasts. The inference gathered from high sources here, however, was that the Entente allied powers would not seriously entertain negotiations at this time.

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RESOURCES:		LIABILITIES:	
Loans and Discounts	$5,533,969.70	Capital Stock	$1,000,000.00
U. S. Bonds (at Par)	602,500.00	Surplus and Net Profits	723,923.59
Bank Building	480,000.00	Circulation	543,300.00
Bonds and other Securities	336,600.00	Special Deposit Bonds	15,000.00
Liquidation Account, Southern National Bank	28,675.34	Acceptances	750,000.00
Customers' Liability Acceptances	750,000.00	Deposits	7,510,133.21
Cash and Due by Banks	2,810,611.76		
Total	$10,542,356.80	Total	$10,542,356.80

DEPOSITS:

Nov. 17th, 1914	$4,213,401.77
Nov. 17th, 1915	6,083,763.59
Nov. 17th, 1916	7,510,133.21

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